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Danny's dreams of college boosted by quiz night



Danny with mum Kath.

A QUIZ is being held on Saturday, May 21 at Penarth Conservative Club on behalf of Danny Hudson, who has Down's Syndrome.

Family and friends have been staging various events all year in an effort to raise £25,000.

His mum Kath explained: "Danny is 22 years old and has Down's Syndrome. Our aim is for him to be as independent as possible."

"He has been offered a wonderful opportunity by Bridgend College to access a new course that would develop his life skills further."

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Cricketer Chris bowls pupils for six!



Former England cricketer Chris Lewis recently visited Barry Comprehensive students - read the full report on page 33. PHOTO by PHILIP HALL

How fair is the five month ban on dogs?

DOGS are now banned from a number of beaches in the Vale until October 1, but one GEM reader got in touch to say she thought the conditions were excessive.

The bye law, which starts on May 1 each year, has been in operation since 2001 and includes Southerndown, Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Whitmore Bay and Penarth.

The Vale Council says the ban "is aimed at ensuring the safety and pleasure of the majority who would wish to use the beach for sunbathing and swimming or similar seaside leisure activities".

Contravention of the law can mean a £500 fine.

Only guide dogs are permitted on

beaches, if accompanied by a registered blind person.

But one GEM reader said: "Dog lovers pay council tax too. Why should they be banned from the beach for five months of the year?"

"Why can't part of the beach be designated by flags and allow people to walk their dogs? This is done on some beaches in west Wales."

"Perhaps dogs could be allowed after 7pm in the evening when the bulk of day trippers have started to make their way home."

"Alternative beaches like Jackson's Bay and the Old Harbour are not easily accessible without a steep climb or crossing rocks."

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National Assembly Election sees the public go to the polls

AS *The GEM* was hitting the streets, people were heading for the polls to vote in the election for the National Assembly for Wales.

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A touch of Japan in Llantwit!



The Japanese garden at Knightsbridge.

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This is a Japanese garden with a Zen gate, Torii gate and Japanese lanterns featuring a large collection of Japanese style trees, which include an English elm, oak, larch, a pagoda and three water features, including the great Amazon waterfall.

The garden scheme raises money for nursing and 'caring' charities.

Opening on Sunday, May 15 (11am-5pm). Admission £3, children free. Home-made teas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Diabetes Group

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group meets on Tuesday, May 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm-9pm. The speaker will be Scott Cawley, Podiatry, Cardiff and Vale UHB - talking about podiatry issues.

Plant sale

A PLANT sale is being held on Sunday, May 15 from 12pm - 3pm in St Hilary village hall; proceeds to St Hilary village fund.

Folk/Pop in Bridgend

CANADIAN folk-pop artist JP Hoe is excited to announce his return to the UK this May with a string of live dates, and will be heading to Hobos Music Venue in Bridgend on

Wednesday, May 22.

JP Hoe's latest record release, *Hideaway* (2015), is 'personal, raw and completely uplifting'.

JP released the first single 'Beautifully Crazy' from the album late last year.

Clothes bank

BARRY Community clothes bank has men's, women's and children's clothing and footwear; bedding and bric-a-brac. Open Mondays and Thursdays 10am - 2pm (closed on school holidays) at The Old Post Office Cafe, 239 Holton Road.

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An email address alone is not sufficient!

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Reader opposes the merger of Cadoxton school and nursery

I AM writing to object to the proposed closure of Cadoxton Nursery School. I have many concerns about the ability of Cadoxton Primary School taking over its responsibilities.

All three of my children attended Cadoxton Nursery School and I was delighted with the standard of teaching, the ethos of the nursery and the specialised expertise of the whole educational nature of three and four-year-olds needs.

Cadoxton Nursery School has always, and in their latest ESTYN reports, achieved excellent outcomes in the official reports. Indeed the

outcomes always exceed the outcomes of the primary school.

This, I strongly believe, is because of the vital specialised knowledge and skills of the staff, and specialised nursery leadership of the nursery head. Any merger of the establishments would have the very real and disturbing danger of the nursery standards being 'dumbed down'.

In an area of the town which in parts is socially deprived, the early years nature of three and four year olds must surely be of the prime importance. The best possible start for the children of the area will give them the best chance of progressing in life.

Therefore it is not possible to argue that the proposed merger is of any educational benefit at all.

Recent studies in the education of three and four-year-olds have highlighted the need for specialised nursery teaching. It is vital for the development of children and this is what the 'stand alone' Cadoxton Nursery provides.

The proposed closure of Cadoxton Nursery School would show the abject failure of the council to recognise the vital and unique role Cadoxton Nursery School has provided and should still provide to the children of the area.

Rob Clec, Barry.

'Misunderstanding over vet bill'

THE outstanding efforts of local residents to re-mobilise Jemima the duck and to monitor her continued care is indeed a fine example of a wonderful 'community' effort.

What a pity the kind offer of a donation from the lovely young mums, who regularly visit Jemima with their young children, went unrecognised because of a misunderstanding regarding the 'duck bill' vet payment.

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'Barry needs litter wardens'

BARRY is declining into a disgusting state. There is not a street in the town where dog fouling is not present.

Holton Road is like a dogs' toilet at times, and the pavements of Holton Road need replacing in areas around the King Square post office area.

The litter is getting worse. Take a walk down the steps to

Morrisons over Gladstone Road bridge and have a look in the Civic Offices by the gap between Western Power station and the wall area where people have ditched rubbish.

Bring back the litter wardens; 20 of them all around the town area may cost in the beginning but will pay in the end.

Mr P Rees, Barry.

'Thank you'

THE coffee morning in aid of Parkinson's Cymru held in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, April 23, raised a total of £900.

This marvellous sum was raised from monies taken and received from private donors. Our thanks to you all for your generosity.

A special thanks to the following local businesses for their help: Pat Jerome Car Care, Brynawel Garden Centre, Thompson Butchers, Lana Boutique, Windsor Arcade Sweet Shop, Shaws, Beauty Within, Wood Street Post Office, Williams Bakery, Starbucks and Starbucks Drive Thru.

Mary Thomas, Penarth.

Bring back the Bustler

A FEW Christmas ago I stood for two hours on snowy ground at the new bus stop in Cardiff Road - no shelter available - waiting for a bus to Penarth.

Private cars passed me, nose to tail, none thinking to offer a lift of course. I stood there dreaming of those years when I lived in Barry and could flag down or get off those wonderful, frequent little Bustlers whenever I needed them.

How often have I sung their praises to people while I have wasted my life away at bus stops. I shall be 88 next month and each hour of life is precious.

On that snowy day I cried my way home, cursing myself for not having walked over the fields, done some shopping and been back at home in comfort instead of being so stupid as to think I could expect to catch a bus. I certainly wondered how many of the non-stop drivers would have left

their vehicles at home if that little Bustler had still been about.

At home I found a complaints telephone number. My enquiry was dealt with swiftly and efficiently. It seems that when the bus reached Barry the driver had gone over his time. Quite rightly they took him off, BUT they thought fit to remove the vehicle as well!

Now that was very distressing but there was more to come. I assumed the delay had been because of the snow, but no - it had been because of the amount of traffic on the roads!

Do I have to spell it out that with Bustlers doing their job, many of those drivers might have been glad to make use of them?

If another reason is needed, how often do passengers hold their breath as the great big buses try to weave their way around housing estates and between parked cars - what a ludicrous world we live in!

Name and address supplied.

'Thank you for saving my life'

THIS week I had the privilege of meeting Mr Mark Jones of Wick, while walking my dog.

About 18 months ago, I was walking my (then new) dog on a lead on the coastal path near my home. The dog gave a sudden unexpected jerk to the right, and this toppled me over into a gully at the side of the path, banging my head against a stone at its bottom, and knocking me out.

Mark saw this happen and took over.

He pulled my tongue forward so that I could breathe, hauled me to sit on a nearby bench, found my telephone, rang my wife, who told him I was taking the

drug Warfarin.

He rang for the ambulance, my wife came to be with me, and brought neighbours who took over the dog's care.

The ambulance took my wife and I to Accident and Emergency at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

At A&E I had immediate attention, including a head scan to make sure my brain was not bleeding, and I was discharged after three hours, when they were sure I would be OK.

I was particularly pleased to meet Mark again. It was good to be able to thank him for doing exactly the right things at the right time - which probably saved my life. I would like his perfect deed recognised. Robin Eggleston, Ogmere-by-Sea.

'GARDEN BAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED'

AS one of the few residents in the Gibbonsdown area who tries to keep my garden up to a reasonable standard, I am fed up of buying gardening bags which once emptied, are never returned.

I hate to think how much I have spent over these last few years replacing these so-called returnable bags.

Would one of these so-called council workers explain to me what is so difficult about returning an empty bag back to the house they picked it up from?

Mr W Foran, Barry.

'Fewer tall ships than quoted'

THE GEM of April 21 contained an article 'Work of the Tall Ships Trust' that I think is rather misleading. It stated 'There are 150 Tall Ships still sailing'.

In strict sailing nomenclature, a ship is a vessel full-rigged on

three or four masts.

There are about eight ships afloat today such as the *Amerigo Vespucci*, *Christian Radich*, et al.

However, given all eight vessels have engines, they are officially motor vessels. None are rigged as a Tall Ship, that is, having sail above the royals e.g. skysails.

Alan Thorne, Cardiff.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
05 Thur	05.55	9.8	18.16	9.9
06 Fri	06.41	10.3	19.05	10.5
07 Sat	07.29	10.5	19.53	10.6
08 Sun	08.18	10.6	20.39	10.5
09 Mon	09.04	10.3	21.21	10.2
10 Tues	09.51	10.1	22.08	10.0
11 Wed	10.33	9.5	22.54	9.4
12 Thur	11.21	8.9	23.44	8.8

While THE GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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BARRY CHOIR HEADS NORTH FOR SCOTLAND!



New choristers who joined after the choir's most recent taster sessions.

THE Barry Male Voice Choir has been busy in its support of the local community.

The choir's annual visit to Friends and Neighbours was made to Beryl Road in March, while in April the choir played its part in the Barry Town Council Mayor's Three Choirs Concert which also featured the Barry Ladies' Choir and the Barry Community Choir. More recently, the choir sang on behalf of the local Haiti and Africa appeals.

Ahead lies a visit to Scotland, with charity concerts in Dunkeld and

Dunblane cathedrals. "It's o'er the border and away once again," explained chairman Gareth Roberts.

"Our last visit to Scotland was to Stirling. Since then the choir has enjoyed visits to Beauvais, France; Gouda, Holland; Rheinfelden, Germany and Falmouth, England! "Another successful recruitment campaign has increased the choir number to over 50, more than twice the choir's size of two years ago."

This year's annual concert of the Barry Male Voice Choir will be held at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry on June 3.

Help is needed to make Danny's dream a reality

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Kath continued: "The course offers a residential placement in a purpose-built, shared environment linked to supported local work placements.

"Sadly, our local authority will not fund this year for Danny and his disability prevents him from securing any sort of student loan.

"As any parent would, we want to try to provide the best for our children, so we have decided to go it alone and try to raise the full year costs ourselves.

"Danny is really excited about the prospect of continuing his links to Bridgend College and I know he would be devastated if we do not pursue this course of action to achieve

his dream."

The fundraiser is at 7.30pm on Saturday, May 21 at Penarth Conservative Club, 15 Stanwell Road, Penarth (CF64 2EZ).

Tables of up to six at £5 per person (light refreshments). For more information and to book a table, contact Sue Dentten: text 07588 782900 or email suedentten@gmail.com.

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Aviation society's visit to Hendon

A GROUP of members from the Penarth Aviation Society recently paid a visit to the RAF museum in Hendon.

This outing was organised by society member Brian Thomas. The intrepid aviators left Cardiff late morning, arriving in London early

afternoon.

A fascinating afternoon was spent in the museum with over 100 aircraft, ranging from early Bleriot aircraft right up to the state-of-the-art joint strike fighter (yet to go into service!), to be examined.

An early evening departure saw the group arrive back in Cardiff in the late evening having had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

This coming Friday (May 6) Brian Thomas will be giving a talk to the society about his life and career with British Aerospace (currently known as BAE Systems). Brian started work as a trainee engineer in an ordnance factory in Llanishen and progressed, via Bristol Aircraft Ltd to be director of projects at the British Aircraft Corporation.

In this time he became general manager of the Concorde support division spending eight years getting Concorde ready for service.

His career finished up in Washington as president of the American side of British Aerospace with a remit covering all the Americas.

Brian has a wealth of great stories to tell about his packed life: this has to be an unmissable experience.

The meeting will be held in the Penarth Conservative Club, 7:45pm for 8pm. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting for a small donation and further information may be found on our website: www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or Facebook [facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk).

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Leader makes national shortlist

STEVE Rush, CEO and managing director of Improov Consulting from Barry Waterfront in the Vale, has been named a finalist in Wales' long-established and only dedicated leadership awards.

Steve has been nominated in the 'Leadership For The Future' category for his leadership role with Improov Consulting and is one of four finalists in the category.

The winners will be announced at the luncheon awards ceremony, which will take place at the Hilton Cardiff on Tuesday, June 14.

Is the dog ban on beaches fair?

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The GEM reader continued: "It seems dog owners who pay council tax in the Vale are effectively subsidising services for day trippers from outside the area!

"September is surely a month too long. If the weather is cold and deteriorates, the beach is under-used."

Do you have a view on the restrictions in place at Barry Island beach or elsewhere in the Vale? If so, contact us at gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk.



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Story of a Welsh bridge builder...

ON April 26, Brian Davies spoke to the members of Dinas Powys Probus Club about the life of William Edwards, bridge builder, town planner and religious minister, who is best remembered as the builder of the first stone bridge over the River Taff at Pontypridd.

Brian had been curator

of the museums at Pontypridd and The Big Pit at Blaenavon.

The very earliest stone bridge had been built at Penrhys in the upper Glamorgan valley to help pilgrims making their way to holy sites in West Wales, but bridges over the Taff were of timber, to help farmers to get to markets in Caerphilly.

In 1751, the local authorities decided that a new substantial timber bridge was required at Pontypridd and

timber construction collapsed into the river.

Edwards to undertake the work. The contract sum was £500 and a guaranteed life of seven years was included in the agreement. Edwards was a local builder with no experience of bridge building but he was awarded the work.

Within 12 months, an exceptional flood had destroyed the bridge, and the replacement bridge suffered the same fate 12 months later.

In 1755, the third bridge was built and collapsed into the river.

Poor Edwards, constrained by his contract to provide a bridge, was now in financial difficulty but further finance was made available to help him and in 1756, he successfully designed and built a stone bridge, which stands to this day.

To reduce the weight of the structure, his design incorporated three holes of varying diameters through the full width of each abutment.

The bridge weighs 1,000 tons and has a clear span of 140 feet. This exceeded the famed Rialto bridge in Venice, which has a span of only 95 feet.

In 2006, the whole town turned out in period costumes to mark the 250th anniversary of the bridge.

After building other bridges in Wales, Edwards began working for John Morris, a wealthy industrialist, and

laid out the first street plan for a small village which later became Morriston. Together they built housing for Morris's workers and churches for non-conformist congregations.

Alongside his other interests, Edwards had involved himself in the Methodist non-conformist church and in 1743 was appointed a lay preacher at Groeswen church.

The church rapidly outgrew its first building and in 1766, he built a meeting house. By 1772, the church at Groeswen was a major religious centre in the area and people came from Caerphilly to join in the services.

Edwards died in 1789, aged 70, having been a minister at Groeswen for 45 years. The vote of thanks was given by Gwyn McGuire.

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Craig yr Allt and stunning views to Somerset coastline

A GROUP of ten walkers and a dog joined Pam and Krys from Penarth and District Ramblers at Taff's Well Railway Station for a tramp in an area with a rich and diverse industrial history.

Lying close to the banks of the River Taff, the village previously known as Portobello after a local inn, gained its present name from its proximity to the river and the fact it contains the only thermal spring in Wales.

Following part of the Taff Trail alongside some of the many cyclists using it, before clambering over a stile, a zig zag route led them to the top of Craig-yr-Allt which stands opposite the Garth Mountain.

As the sun broke through the clouds once again, after enjoying stunning views from the top, including towards Caerphilly and especially out over the Bristol Channel to the Somerset coastline, a stop was made for lunch out of the breeze.

Then, descending towards the riding stables situated on land that once held a colliery and several drift mines, the group re-joined the Taff Trail, making their way back to the start after a very pleasant six-mile walk.

In contrast, Joy and her 13 companions, plus Ramakin the dog, used the Vale train for the journey down to Bridgend, tramping through urban streets, then across Newbridge Fields alongside the Ogmore River to New Inn Bridge, before travelling across farming land and a footbridge over the Ewenny River, with its lovely view towards the ruined Ogmore Castle.

Climbing gently on to the gorge-stained Ogmore Moor and with blue skies overhead and warm sunshine, a

descent to St Bridget's Church in St Brides Major heralded a stop for morning coffee.

Passing Pitcot Pool and crossing stone stiles, a short tramp through empty meadows led downhill through the gorgeous native bluebell wood at Pant-y-Slade and onwards to the delightful walled garden at Dunraven, before a steep rocky eroding path led down onto the beach where the tide was ebbing.

Crossing Traeth Bach before pausing for lunch, then on across the firm sand of Traeth Mawr and Nash beach, a climb led to Nash Point for a quick stop to refuel. At Nash lighthouse, four of the group plus Ramakin, sped onwards to make the long journey back to Barry, while the remainder followed the cliff path to more bluebell woods at St Donats.

From St George's Field, a trek across the pebble beach at Tresilian Bay where Reynard's Cave is situated, led back onto the cliff path and the journey to Llantwit beach, where meadows at Cwm Col-huw, populated only with a few other walkers and a handful of cows, led back onto the road for the final journey to Llantwit railway station to await the train for the journey home.

On May 7, meet at 9.30am at Barry Waterfront for an 8.5-mile moderate walk taking in beaches and cliffs at Monknash and Marcross; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On May 8, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 9.5-mile hard walk taking in Capel-y-Ffin, Rhos Dirion and Twmpa; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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Being invested and renewing promises...

11th BARRY Sea Scout Group, together with members of the Royal British Legion, Barry Branch, held a special evening at St Mary's Church on April 15 to celebrate its recent success in raising over £8,000 on behalf of the Royal British Legion. The evening was presided over by Father Ben Andrews.

Each year the local branch of the Legion holds a presentation evening in March to recognise the fundraising achievements of various different cadet organisations in Cardiff and the Vale. This year for the first time the competition was opened up to Scout groups too.

The girls and boys of 11th Barry took the competition to heart and managed to raise a tremendous amount of money, primarily by selling poppies at Lidl's Barry

store. Thanks to the extreme generosity of their customers, 11th Barry were successful in winning this year's competition and a few of the young members attended the evening in March to accept the John Kennedy Irvine Shield.

The shield was presented to the whole Scout group on April 15 by Colin Jones the Deputy Lieutenant of Glamorgan and was accepted on behalf of the group by Karen Johns-Pride, a parent and one of the volunteers who helped collect funds at Lidl, and Joshua Parsons, a Beaver with 11th Barry Sea Scout group.

Neil Murray, assistant Cub leader, and one of the organisers of the collecting at Lidl said: "We were stunned by how generous the customers of Lidl were last year. Each day we totalled up the collection thinking: it can't last, it's got to slow down. But it never did! We've really set

ourselves a ridiculous target for this year's Poppy Appeal, but in true Scouting style WE WILL DO OUR BEST."

During the evening district commissioner for Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan, Chris Parsons, invested several Beavers, Cubs and Scouts into the 11th Barry Sea Scout group. Various awards and badges were also presented to the girls and boys of the group.

The evening was concluded by all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, leaders and volunteers, both past and present, renewing their promises in recognition of the 90th birthday of the Patron, Her

Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and also in honour of our Patron Saint St George.

For information on how you might be able to help the group as a volunteer, leader or by supporting us at this year's Scouts and Guide summer fete in July (also, we are still trying to locate the oldest former Cub Scout/Wolf Cub in Barry), contact Bryan Foley on GSL@11thbarryscouts.org.uk.

For more information on this year's Poppy Appeal, or if you are interested in the work of the Royal British Legion in Barry, go through the Scout contact above.



Cubs, Beavers and Scouts at the special evening in St Mary's Church.



NORDIC WALKING AT THE AGE OF 89!

YOU'RE never too old to take up Nordic Walking! Arthur Coxon, from Sully, celebrated his 89th birthday at 'Whitmore and Jackson Café' on Barry Island, after a Nordic Walking session recently.

Arthur has been Nordic Walking for six months, with his friend David Owen, who is a mere 85!

He said: "You've got to keep exercising, too many people just sit and watch TV at my age!"

Arthur and David are so keen, they have purchased their own Nordic walking poles - and often use them for walking to assist their stability.

Nordic walking was developed in Finland, as a summer activity for cross country skiers who wanted to stay fit. You walk, using specially designed poles, so that your arms are working as well as your legs.

Geoff Hollett, the Nordic Walking instructor, said: "We tailor our courses to suit individuals as much as we can, Arthur and David have a shorter session than the normal ones we run - its about making sure we offer the opportunity to as many people as we



Arthur Coxon and David Owen.

can! "It doesn't matter how old you are, you can join in with Nordic Walking. If this has caught your interest you might just like to have a go at Nordic Walking? If you'd like to find out more, a free taster course takes place on Sunday, May 15 at Porthkerry Park from 10am-11am."

Age Cymru is organising a course too. To register your interest, contact Geoff Hollett at geoffhollett@hotmail.com or leave a message on 01446 730613.

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Haiti-Africa concert was a success

ON Thursday, April 21, a concert featuring Barry Male Voice Choir and Sebastian, a professional singer, took place at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Barry.

The concert was a resounding success and the proceeds from tickets and donations amounted to £440.

This money has been divided between Haiti Hospital Appeal and Vale in Africa.

This ongoing campaign is now in its sixth year. It was set up to support a hospital in Haiti that was built following the quake that claimed the lives of over 220,000. The appeal is now government funded.

Vale for Africa is not government-funded, and we have now decided that in the future, all money raised through this campaign will be donated to Vale in Africa – a charity that

was set up right here in the Vale.

Much has been achieved by this charity, mainly in Uganda.

Jane Hutt, an honorary patron of this campaign, is hoping to broach the concept of twinning the Vale with an area in Uganda.

The inhabitants endure a relentless poverty that most of us cannot begin to understand.

Cities in Germany have, to their credit, been twinning themselves in equatorial Africa for several years – thus drawing people's attention to the wretched plight of the respective inhabitants.

I hope that the Vale Council will do what German cities have done and do likewise.

Many thanks to the Barry Male Voice Choir, Sebastian and the audience for supporting the event.

GODFREY KNIGHT

CHURCH FAIR

ON May 7, a fair will be held at St Paul's church hall, Barry when there will be numerous stalls and a grand prize draw with a £50 cash prize; a drinks and grocery hamper, and many more prizes.

It opens at 2pm. Admission for children is free, adults 50p. St Paul's church hall is in St Paul's Avenue, Barry.

Artist Richard Cox is featured at Art Central



Tracey Harding, arts development officer, artist Richard Cox, and Isabel Hichman, co-editor of 'Post-war to Post-modern, A Dictionary Of Artists In Wales'.

ARTIST Richard Cox's multi-media exhibition of digital photography, paintings, drawings and books has opened at Art Central, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's prized gallery situated in the Town Hall, Barry.

Trained in Fine Art, Richard has worked as a teacher and senior lecturer in art schools, both in the UK and abroad. He has been a prolific arts organiser, gallery curator and has also worked for the Arts Council of Wales. As part of the

exhibition's programme, the Art Central Gallery will be hosting a book-making workshop with the artist on May 21 from 10am-3pm. For further details and to book a place,

please email artinthevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or call Arts Development 01446 709805. Places are limited and booking is recommended.

Neighbours' cash bonanza

TWO neighbours from Barry have scooped a £1,000 cash prize with People's Postcode Lottery after their postcode was drawn as a winner!

The lottery players from Woodstock Close share the postcode CF62 7JJ which was a daily prize winner on Thursday, April 28.

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Knockout start to year for Barry Round Table



PICTURED (left to right): Nathan Spackman, Barrie Dyer, Dave Beadle, Andrew Selby, Lee Selby, Anthony Price, Andrew Rosser and Scott Boshier.

WHAT a 'knockout' start to the beginning of our Table year – social events planned, ideas for greater community engagement and the drive to #DoMore this year.

To start the year off with a bang we had to try out the much raved about Hang Fire Kitchen – which didn't let us down one little bit. This social event was doubly important to us as our Table ambassadors Lee and Andrew Selby came to welcome our newest member to the club.

Barrie Dyer said: "It was brilliant to see Lee and Andrew and to have them welcome me to the club."

Barry Round Table is about having fun while being able to

by **NATHAN SPACKMAN**

support #OurCommunity as much as possible and it is amazing when we are able to do this.

As Lee and Andrew were with us, we were pleased to announce that we were supporting Colcot ABC with funds towards their upcoming training camp.

Our chairman, Dave Beadle, said: "Lee explained to us that this money would fund one of the children to travel and take part in a once in a lifetime experience – this is a brilliant feeling, to know we can make a difference to our community."

We have lots planned for the coming months including being part of Round Table Great Britain and Ireland's National Conference

being held at The Vale Hotel Resort on May 7. Other events planned include City Mazes, Transport Festival, Scout and Guide Fete, Penarth Downhill Derby, butchery skills and much more.

We are always open to new membership; if any men aged 18–45 would like to find out more, visit our website barry.roundtable.co.uk or contact us via Facebook.com/BarryRoundTable or via Twitter @BarryRoundTable.

Ladies – don't get left out, our sister organisation is looking to re-form in Barry, to find out more, please visit the following: [facebook.com/BarryLadiesCircle](https://www.facebook.com/BarryLadiesCircle) ... for more information, visit: www.barry.roundtable.co.uk.

Busy time for 'Barry Friends and Neighbours'

FRIENDS and Neighbours' April meeting was very busy with over 55 members attending.

The pop-up library attended as a trial, to introduce the new service supplied by the library. The scheme was introduced by Katherine from Barry Library and members of the group could take a selection of books home and bring them to the next meeting or take them back to the local library where they live. A wide selection of books was available to take home.

Jane Hutt then gave the members an update on the 98 bus and how she would be going on the bus with Violet Jenkins, a member of the group on its first morning with no changes to the route. She also gave an update on the general post office.

She thanked the group for their support

and said she would invite along someone from the bus service to answer questions.

A quiz then took place, with all the members splitting into teams with a prize for the winning team.

The members then enjoyed tea/coffee and a selection of cakes, scones, biscuits and fruit donated by Gloria Ebdon, who had given them to Jane to be used to celebrate a function being held on the Queen's 90th birthday.

The members toasted the Queen's health and wished her 'Happy Birthday' and enjoyed the lovely food.

The members are now looking forward to the May meeting with fish and chips, dessert and entertainment, and a visit to Glamorgan Suite, Barry College.

Contact 01446 400044 for further information.

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Claims that crime has gone up as street lights switched off

CALLS have been made by local residents for the Vale Council to switch back on street lights in areas they claim have been hit with anti-social problems.

Independent councillor, Richard Bertin, is supporting the calls of local residents living in Blackwell Close in Barry, who say problems have got worse since their lights were switched off. There have been reports of vehicles being damaged and properties broken into.

Local resident Sarah Parsons said: "I live in Blackwell Close and every evening the street lights go out around midnight, making it pitch black. The crime in the area has increased with vehicles being damaged regularly. All of this has been reported to the police. Can we have the lights put back on, please?"

Coun Bertin said the highways department at the Vale Council has said it will not change its mind.

He says he now intends to launch a petition to get the lights switched back on.

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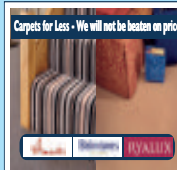
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The 'Welsh Salon of Photography' opens



Terry Verrinder with his award.

A quarter of people with food allergies suffer reactions when they eat out

VALE food businesses are being urged to make sure they are following new rules around allergen labelling.

Research by the Food Standards Agency and Allergy UK has found that despite improvements, one in four people with a food allergy has suffered a reaction while eating out in a restaurant or cafe since new allergen labelling legislation came in a year ago.

The survey also found that nearly one in five (19 per cent) of those allergic reactions resulted in a hospital visit.

The EU Food Information for Consumers legislation came into force in December 2014, and means that food businesses in the Vale have to make information on 14 allergens available.

This ranges from the most common allergens, such as peanuts and gluten, to less well known triggers for allergic reactions such as mustard and celery.

Around two million people in the UK suffer from allergies, including 2 per cent of adults and 8 per cent of children.

The survey, which was carried out to mark Allergy Awareness Week 2016, found that overall, 83 per cent of respondents have noticed an increase in measures designed to make life easier for allergic consumers - including menus marking out allergens, and staff actively checking food information with the kitchen.

More than half (58 per cent) of allergic

consumers said that their overall experience of eating out has improved; just 6 per cent said it has got worse.

As a result, a similar proportion (52 per cent) say they now feel more confident eating out than they did before the legislation was introduced.

Helen Giles from Llantwit Major suffers from allergies and intolerances to wheat, oats, barley, rye and dairy.

She commented: "When going out to a restaurant, I always try to find out in advance what is safe for me to eat, as I've been told dishes are safe in the past and suffered the consequences."

"Nowadays most restaurants are helpful, but as the problem is largely unseen, it can be difficult for people to appreciate why it's so important to provide correct information. In the future I hope that there's greater understanding and tolerance for people like me."

Dr Chun-Han Chan, food allergy expert at the FSA commented: "It's been more than a year since the introduction of this legislation and we're pleased to see real progress in how food businesses provide information on allergens to their customers. In general, the situation is improving for the two million food allergic consumers in the UK, and greater numbers have the confidence to eat out."

For more information on the EU FIC regulations visit www.food.gov.uk/science/allergy-intolerance/.

APRIL has seen a huge variety of activities at Vale Photographic Club.

Member Mike Baker gave a superb talk describing his experiences as a lighting engineer in the television industry and Welsh photographer Gareth Martin visited to explain his very personal and creative approach to photography.

Another meeting covered photographing body painting, this included a model being painted with opportunities for members to take their own photographs during the session.

As well as our monthly 'serious' club competition (with winners Mike Davies, Mark Lunn and Terry Verrinder) the month also included a fun competition called 'Cled's neg'.

Members take a digital

image provided by member Cled Lewis and make their own version in Photoshop. Cled provided entertaining critiques and the award was given to Gerald Harbour for his abstract cubist interpretation of the original scene of Venice.

The month ended with the opening in Kidwelly of the Welsh Salon of Photography - the flagship exhibition for Welsh photography.

The club was delighted to be exhibiting 16 images, and to win the best print image of people by Terry Verrinder (see picture) and the best digital image of sport by Mike Davies.

For information on the club visit our website at <http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk>, or simply turn up to a club evening on a Friday, from September to July at 7.15pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

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Campus wins prestigious architectural accolade

CARDIFF and Vale College's iconic City Centre Campus has won the Welsh Architecture Award 2016.

BDP Architects won the prestigious accolade at the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW) Awards.

The RSAW Annual Awards champion and celebrate the best architecture in Wales.

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BDP worked closely with CAVC and the design and development of the College's 16,000m², £45m city centre campus in the heart of Cardiff.

Designed for the local community as well as the college's students, the landmark building features shops, Bae Coffi coffee shop, restaurant, salon and spa, business centre and space for community groups.

Friends of the Earth Cymru claims power station will close

A BERTHAW power station's closure is now "imminent" - according to environmental campaigners.

Friends of the Earth Cymru says it expects that full and final closure of Aberthaw power station will be announced within months.

Director of Friends of the Earth Cymru, Gareth Clubb, said: "Aberthaw's closure is now imminent. The levels of toxic pollution pouring from its stack means it has to be retrofitted to comply with legislation to protect human health and the

environment. "But it doesn't make sense for a 45-year old power station limping into its final years to start making expensive upgrades."

"We've been calling for Welsh Government to begin a programme of retraining for the workers ever since we found out that there have been no discussions at Cabinet about this issue."

"So while we're delighted that Aberthaw is about to close, we need action from the Welsh Government to enable the workers to participate in the flourishing green economy."

Vale choir dazzles at recital in Cardiff



Health and wellbeing coffee morning

FIND out how you can have your voice heard on health, wellbeing and social care services at a free coffee morning on May 6.

The Co-Creating Healthy Change Project at Diverse Cymru is inviting people to attend its free coffee morning at Rita's Café, Cadoxton, Barry, from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Friday, May 6 to find out how to have their say on health, wellbeing and social care services.

Shelagh Maher from Diverse Cymru said: "Everyone is welcome to attend the coffee morning, particularly black and minority ethnic people, carers, disabled people, lesbian, gay and bisexual people, older people and transgender people, as people from these backgrounds do not always have their views heard on the services they receive."

Neighbourhood Watch meeting

ALL Neighbourhood Watch area coordinators, deputies and members are invited to the annual general meeting on Monday, May 16 at 7pm, registration 6.30pm (with light refreshments) at Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry (CF62 3AZ).

Following AGM business, the speaker will be Barrie Phillips, who is the Welsh Government's All-Wales HE

and FE PREVENT co-ordinator. He will be talking about the government's current anti-radicalisation and anti-terrorism strategy and the role Neighbourhood Watch can play in this.

Colin Jones will also give a short address on his role as Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the county.

An agenda, chair's report, and a copy of the accounts will be available on the day. The election of officers and the committee will also take place.

Dr David Ellis, Chair

A PACKED Eglwys Dewi Sant in Cardiff enjoyed a superb concert given by the Vale choral group Caritas recently. They performed works by Tallis, Boyce and Handel, among many others.

Following the winter reorganisation, this was the first outing of the larger Caritas choir, and they certainly showed their worth with a stunning, professional performance of a range of complex choral works.

In addition, organist David Butler superbly played an allegro and a prelude to further enhance the evening.

During the performance, conductor and director Lyndsay Gray kept the audience well-informed, explaining the intricacies of each item, finally commenting that the proceeds of over £1,000 would be divided between Diabetes UK Cymru and the Eglwys Dewi Sant Organ Fund.



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Romilly Old Boys celebrate 50th anniversary and school choir provides the entertainment

ROMILLY Old Boys' 50th anniversary was celebrated recently and Vicky Mortimer-Brown was able to capture key reunion moments. The Romilly Primary School choir entertained the guys with a number of songs.



Marie Curie preview for Sri Lanka charity trek

WOULD-BE adventurers are being invited to an information evening giving details of an exciting trek in Sri Lanka to raise funds for the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.

Marie Curie will be hosting the information session at Mint & Mustard restaurant in Penarth on Thursday, May 19, to give prospective trekkers the opportunity to learn more about next year's fundraising quest.

Running between Thursday, November 16 and Saturday, November 25, 2017, the Sri Lanka trek will take in jungles, forest trails, small villages and ancient cities, over 10 days spent exploring this idyllic island in the Indian Ocean.

Funds raised by the trekkers will support the work of the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & the

Vale, situated on Bridgeman Road in Penarth. Last year the hospice supported more than 1,000 patients living with a terminal illness, along with their family and loved ones, at a cost of £4.6 million.

Georgina Burke, community fundraiser for the Marie Curie Hospice, said: "Our treks are always very popular, whether it's with people looking to take on a new challenge in a beautiful country with stunning landscapes, or those whose family has been cared for at the hospice and want to give something back. We hope the Sri Lanka trek will be one of the best treks yet – offering all those taking part the adventure of a lifetime while raising money for an important local cause."

To find out more about next year's Sri Lanka trek please come along to Mint & Mustard restaurant in Penarth on Thursday, May 19 at 6.30pm to speak to the Marie Curie Trek Team.

Further details at www.mariecurie.org.uk, emailingvents@mariecurie.org.uk or calling 0845 052 4184.

Bustlers in the Vale



IMAGE by TUDOR THOMAS

THIS photograph was taken during the 'Little Bus Running Sunday' in Barry to celebrate 30th anniversary of Bustler minibuses in Barry.

It shows the very first minibus built by the then National Bus Company in Barry at The Bus Depot on Broad Street. It is preserved by the West Country Historic Omnibus and Transport Trust and came from Culmpton, Devon.

It was designed in 1983 on a Ford Transit van and after trials in Exeter over two years it became the model for the Barry Bustler that started on May 6, 1986. Later they were used throughout the Vale.

The Sunday event was organised by Cardiff Transport Preservation Group.

'Forget-me-Not Chorus' to hold taster session

THE Forget-me-Not Chorus is a Cardiff and Newport based charity which supports people with dementia and their carers through weekly singing sessions.

Each week the 40 to 70-strong choir meets to sing, rehearse and have fun under the baton of music director, Kate Woolveridge.

In 2012, Kate won ITV's 'Inspirational Women of the Year' award, which is

sponsored by ITV1's 'Lorraine' and 'Women of the Year'.

Dame Helen Mirren said: "Big congratulations go to Kate for her incredible work – in an area that's very difficult for us all to confront, she is someone who's prepared to take that on board and deal with it and make something positive out of it. Just amazing."

The choir taster session is a great opportunity for prospective members to come along and witness, experience and join in the fun with the Forget-me-Not.

Current choir member Jackie explained: "It is a fantastic therapy for people with dementia and a happy relief for carers. It is perfect, no pressure, just fun, everyone playing a part to the best of their ability. Monday evening is our happiness fix!"

With current Cardiff rehearsals on a Monday and Newport on Wednesday evenings, Kate and chorus manager Sarah Teagle are looking to encourage more people who are living with dementia and their friends or carers from south Cardiff, Penarth and Vale areas to take part.

New choir rehearsals for people in these areas take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm at Ysgol Y Deri, Sully Road, Penarth, beginning on May 12.

New members will also get the chance to take part in the choir's 'Festival of Voice' performance on June 4.

As part of the new 'Festival of Voice' being held all across Cardiff, the four individual choirs of the Forget-me-Not Chorus will come together in collaboration with Welsh National Opera's Community Choir for one grand performance at Wales Millennium Centre. An opportunity not to be missed!

HONOUR FOR CONSULTANT WHO 'JUST ADORES TEACHING'



Dean of Medical Education Prof Nicholas Topley (left) and Dr Steve Riley with David Robinson (centre) at the awards presentation.

ABMU consultant orthopaedic surgeon David Robinson has been honoured for his work developing the talents of future doctors.

He was given an award for excellence as a clinical teacher by Cardiff University School of Medicine at a prestigious awards ceremony.

An honorary lecturer, Mr Robinson sees patients at the Princess of Wales Hospital as well as teaching medical students, both at the hospital and in Cardiff.

He said he was delighted to be recognised at the awards but added: "I just adore teaching, I find it really

rewarding. I do it because I enjoy it."

David, who has been passing on his skills for 14 years, said:

"Hopefully I can give the students a great experience during their time with me."

He received his honour at the BMJ/BMA 'Clinical Teacher of the Year' awards at Cardiff's Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

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Spectrum Singers perform in Berlin

SPECTRUM Singers made their international debut recently, travelling to Berlin to perform at the Schoneiche Music Festival on April 23.

The music festival is an annual event and this year there were 40 performances at 16 venues around the town.

Spectrum Singers and Llantrisant Ladies Choir, both conducted by David Hutchings, were the first overseas choirs to be included in the festival.

"Schoneiche is a beautiful place and the people were extremely friendly and welcoming," said Mr

Hutchings.

The Spectrum line-up already had an international element. German-born Carsten Muller has sung bass with the choir since it was started in 2001. He introduced the programme for both choirs, slipping seamlessly between English and German.

Contralto Julia Nasrallah, a former Penarth resident, flew in from her home in Beirut to rejoin Spectrum for the weekend.

Spectrum's singers also joined the Llantrisant Ladies Choir for a concert in the unusual location of 'The Tramshed'.

Unlike the Cardiff music venue of the same name, it is still an

active workplace complete with tram wash rollers, inspection pit, rails to trip over and gratings to catch unwary ladies in their concert shoes.

The cathedral-like space echoed to show tunes and Welsh favourites including 'Calon Lan' and 'Ar Hyd y Nos'.

Spectrum's next performance 'Pure Hollywood', an a cappella tribute to songs from the silver screen, will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 18 in the Old School, Sully. The concert is hosted by the Sully WI and tickets £3, including refreshments, will be available on the door. See www.spectrumingers.org



The Berlin Bears remind Spectrum singers Glynis Parsons (left) and Helen Turner (right) of the choir's home town Penarth.

Recognition for J G Plant Ltd dealer awards

THE Bridgend-based team at JG Plant is celebrating after achieving runner-up position in New Holland's Dealer of the Year Awards 2015 in the Tractor Dealer of the Year category.

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Chair of Cardiff IMB, Steve Cocks, explained: "We are the official representatives of the Minister of Justice and have complete access to the prison. Our role is to

look into all aspects of prison life and bring any concerns to the attention of those responsible.

"We sample food, visit education facilities, monitor the admission of new prisoners, sit in on the Governor's disciplinary hearings and a whole range of other tasks. We are also called into any serious incidents in the prison, though these are rare."

Cardiff IMB is currently seeking new members who are willing to spend up to four days a month in the prison.

"The role can be demanding", Mr Cocks added, "but is definitely interesting and rewarding and no two days are the same. Cardiff is a well organised and well managed prison and I

have never felt uncomfortable during my visits.

"Prisoners overwhelmingly value the work of the IMB and are positive towards us. I believe that the work is very valuable. We all want to reduce crime and if we can contribute towards prisons working effectively, we can hopefully help in stopping prisoners coming back."

IMB members do not get paid, but can claim expenses and loss of earnings.

Applicants are asked to visit the prison and undertake an interview, and those who have been successful undergo a period of induction and training.

"We are anxious to

increase the diversity of the Board and we will welcome applications of people of all backgrounds," said Mr Cocks.

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Ioan's charity 'sky dive'

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Corey's thank you to physios who keep him 'on the move'



Corey and his family at the fundraising day held at Pyle RFC (above).



Corey Cox with Catherine Bingham, Sharon Starkey, Dana Wilson and Michelle Partridge, at the paediatric physiotherapy department. Missing from the picture is Sam Davies, Corey's regular physiotherapist.



Corey with dad Gareth (second right) and representatives of Pyle RFC who carried out a collection at the Princess of Wales Hospital to boost their fundraising total.

Physiotherapists at the Princess of Wales Hospital are always happy to see regular patient Corey Cox, but his latest visit to their department wasn't for one of his routine appointments.

This time the team invited him back to say a big thank you to Corey and his family for raising more than £3,000 to help support their work.

Pyle Primary School pupil Corey, aged nine, has bilateral Perthes' disease, a rare condition which affects the development of the femur in both of his hips.

It can take several years for the blood supply to be fully restored and for new bone to grow. In that time children can suffer from debilitating pain, stiffness in the hips and muscle wastage.

His mum Natasha said Corey has been receiving physiotherapy at the hospital's paediatric physiotherapy department since 2011, but never complains about the pain.

"The team are marvellous, they are full of smiles for him every time he comes in. We wanted to give something back to the department which has been taking such good care of him," she said.

Corey's dad Gareth is captain of Pyle Rugby

Club, where the family arranged a special fundraising day featuring a match between players dressed as wrestlers – in tribute to Corey's favourite sport – and the under-15s side dressed as Disney princesses.

Gareth's team-mates, club supporters and friends – especially Gareth Pearce, Mickey Davies and Matthew Chick – got behind the family's fundraising mission which is now up to £3,190.

But Tasha and Gareth, who have three other children, are determined to keep going – they have their sights set on raising enough money for a high-tech specialist exercise bike for the department which will cost £6,000.

Because of his condition, Corey will continue to need treatment from the department for some time but his mum says his condition doesn't get him down and he never complains about doing his exercises.

"He is a very brave little boy," she said. The assistant head of paediatric physiotherapy, Paula Wilson, said: "We would like to say an enormous thank you to the Cox family. Corey is an amazing little boy who is always cheerful, despite needing to continue with an exercise regime for a long time to come."

Richard doesn't sit on the fence when judging!

A S H D O W N Fencing Ltd was delighted to support Glamorgan YFC recently in their field day for fence erection.

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shield (donated to Glamorgan YFC last year) was awarded to Neath and District YFC for the second year running, with an additional team from Neath and District YFC in second place and Maendy YFC in third place.

Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society

AT Awel-y-Mor on May 11 at 7.30pm there will be a demonstration by Sally Taylor entitled 'Tales from a Gloucestershire Lass'. Doors open 6.30pm, everyone welcome.



Emma (left) and a colleague with David Ford and Dame Mary Peters.

Emma's run to raise awareness of human trafficking

IN March, Emma Gooding of Cowbridge was part of another 'In the long run human trafficking must stop' team (ITLR) – this time raising awareness in Ireland by running from Dublin to Belfast and partnering with several running clubs, charities and schools.

Emma explained: "This was a significant

place to run as Northern Ireland was the first region of the UK to pass the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill in 2015, which was introduced as a private member's bill by Lord Morrow."

As well as 10K runs, there was a duathlon, and half marathons, all completed over a two-week period. Emma found the cycling followed by running in the duathlon the biggest challenge, harder than a full marathon she ran in Brussels.

A highlight of the team's time there was to meet Dame Mary Peters (pentathlon gold medallist at the 1972 Munich Olympics) after running up The Hill to Stormont and attending a seminar there with the Minister for Justice, David Ford, and the UK anti-slavery commissioner Kevin Hyland, where Emma had the opportunity to speak.

Emma continues to work in Brussels with victims of human trafficking who find themselves enslaved in the brothels of Brussels and Antwerp. As well as visiting the parlours to get to know individuals, she runs a 'helpline' which is used by women

in an ever-increasing area.

Some of the women are young girls and the charity offers training in language skills, barista training at Kaffe Klapp Café in Antwerp and they also hope to include Thai cookery classes.

These social enterprises enable women to have a choice. In reality they don't always have a choice as the nature of slavery is coercion and Emma hears many heartbreaking stories of abuse.

Emma's mother, Sarah, said: "Emma's work relies on donations from the UK and she is grateful to all who have supported her work over the years. If you would like to support her, please contact me at sarahjane.gooding@hotmail.com."

"I am also selling Phoenix greetings cards with 100 per cent of the profit going to support this work. Take a look at the card brochure www.phoenix-trading.co.uk or the brochure I have made available in Costa Coffee, Cowbridge."

An evening with Dylan Thomas in Dinas Powys

AS this year's Dinas Powys Music Festival coincides with International Dylan Thomas Day on May 11, the festival is introducing 'Noson Dylan', an evening celebrating the works of Dylan Thomas and other Welsh writers.

The first half of the evening, which is sponsored by Chase de Vere, will be devoted to Dylan's poetry and prose – including songs from *Under Milk Wood*. The remainder of the evening will feature

poets such as Hedd Wyn, Alun Lewis and Gillian Clarke, songs by Richard 'Mynyddog' Davies and John Ceiriog Hughes as well as extracts from the writings of Gwyn Thomas and Raymond Williams.

The songs will be performed by baritone Steffan Jones, accompanied by pianist Marged Jones. Tickets are £5 each and are available from local outlets and online at www.dpnmsfest.co.uk.

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CIVIL WAR MAY JUST BE THE BEST MARVEL FILM TO DATE!

If the disappointment of Batman v Superman has shown anything, it's that DC Comics' rivals Marvel have cornered the market in the film world when it comes to bringing their characters to life on the big screen – and they show no sign of slowing down any time soon.

The latest Marvel film to hit screens is *Captain America: Civil War*, a film that deals in the ramifications of films such as *Captain America: The Winter*

Soldier and Avengers: Age of Ultron.

When the actions of the Avengers leads to collateral damage and civilian casualties, pressure is placed on them to be accountable for their actions.

Captain America (Chris Evans) believes their actions should remain unchecked in order to stop them becoming politicised while Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr) believes accountability should be a necessity. Soon, events lead the pair, and their respective superheroes, into conflict with one another as battle rages and feuds emerge that

throw the future of the Avengers team into doubt...

The adaptation of the *Civil War* storyline marks something of a watershed moment for Marvel; up until now, their films have been very much tales of superheroes and super villains battling it out to save innocents, all against a backdrop of a shared universe that allows interaction between characters on an unprecedented scale.

With *Civil War*, you can't help but feel a swing towards the grittier and the more realistic (well as real as a comic-book movie will allow anyway), as this is a story more about how the behaviour of superheroes should be regulated and how their actions impact upon the wider world.

It's a notion that comic-books have grappled with before (most notably Alan Moore's *Watchmen*) but what *Civil War* does tremendously well is balance the meaty narrative and the dense storytelling to spectacle and create what may just be the best Marvel film of the bunch so far.

With the large amount of story and

characters to deal with, it's a task that doesn't make you envy directing brothers Joe and Anthony Russo (returning after *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*) and scriptwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. However, both in terms of directing and writing, they make it look so easy, so effortless that they deserve perhaps the largest plaudits of all.

Visually, *Captain America: Civil War*'s grand scope is wonderfully realised, as the film globe trots from one city to another it only increases in scale, with some exceptionally executed set-pieces, most notably a superhero battle royale at an airport which manages to give every single character their moment in the sun and is the undisputed highpoint of the film.

Script-wise, Markus and McFeely not only navigate the stormy waters of telling a complicated story in a way that keeps you engaged and captivated, but also handle the introduction of new characters such as Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther and Tom

Holland's Spider-Man with incredible efficiency. Granted they are helped by a near-150 minute running time – but even then their ability to convey the weight of the story, without leaving any of the characters feeling shortchanged, is tremendous.

The performances are also superb, with Chris Evans and Robert Downey Jr as the men with opposite viewpoints excellent, and the raft of performances beneath them, from the likes of Sebastian Stan's confused Bucky, Elizabeth Olsen's fragile Scarlet Witch and Paul Rudd's scene-stealing turn as Ant-Man, all hugely enjoyable.

Yet it's the newcomers who perhaps linger the longest – Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther plays a pivotal role in events and the actor leaves you wanting more for his solo film due in 2018, as does Tom Holland who, as the first Spider-Man to get involved in this shared universe, is pitch-perfect as the teenager who finds himself embroiled in the gigantic battle; while

Daniel Bruhl's villain marks a welcome change of pace for a Marvel bad guy, and his story and performance ground the film unlike any other villain before him; it's a bold, yet hugely welcome, choice.

It's difficult to find fault with *Civil War* – you could argue there's a sense that some story points are left unresolved, or as launching points for future films, but that's part of the whole Marvel universe; in a world that keeps continuing, there's very rarely any definite resolutions.

That the film can leave you wanting more, yet be so hugely satisfying on its own terms is a rare feat indeed, yet it's further proof that there is little stopping the Marvel universe from continuing its charge to universal domination – and *Captain America: Civil War* may be the finest example of it yet.

VERDICT: The best Marvel film to date, a film that marries ambition and scale and comes up trumps, *Captain America: Civil War* is a tremendous film. With a story that elevates the characters

above the usual heroic action, rooted in real-life concerns yet brought to life with epic largesse by the Russo brothers, this is exemplary filmmaking at its finest. *Essential viewing.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2014), *Watchmen* (2009).



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On Wednesday, May 11 at 10.30am, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Cosmeston Country Park Visitor Centre.

On Thursday, May 12 at 10.30am, 'Bluebells', St Brides Major, opposite the Fox and Hounds.

Pathfinders at Porthkerry

BARRY-based local history group, Pathfinders, continues its series of evening walks with a visit to Porthkerry Country Park on Wednesday, May 11.

As well as visiting some of the sites of historical interest, the group will focus on the various myths and legends that abound in the area.

The group meets at the Gorsedd Stones, Romilly Park, Barry, every Wednesday at 7pm.

History society

THE Cowbridge History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, May 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge on 'Protestant Dissenters in an Age of Persecution, 1485-1603' by Don Gerrard.

The society's AGM will be held before the talk at 7pm.

For further information, see cowbridgehistorysociety.org.

Craft fair in Barry

COME along on Saturday, May 7 to the next Enfs craft fair at the St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry from 10am – 4pm with free entry.

Raffle tickets will be on sale to raise money for the Wales Air Ambulance charity. For more information, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Royal British Legion

THE next meeting of the Barry branch of the Legion will be at 2.30pm on Monday, May 16; please note that this is a week later than usual.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, May 7 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Goleu Caredig coffee

THERE will be a coffee morning at Goleu Caredig on

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Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT Major Conservatives will be holding a surgery in the Filo Supermarket on Saturday, May 7, 10.30am to 12 noon.

If you have any problems, call in and see Couns Tony Bennett and Ralph Austin.

Barnardo's celebration

THIS year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Dr Barnardo's charity.

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Without an LPA, it may be necessary for family members to apply to the Court of Protection for authority. This can be a distressing and lengthy process and is far more expensive than making an LPA.

Once all parties have signed the LPA, they must then be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian before they can be used.

Carli Evans of Passmores Solicitors (member of Solicitors for the Elderly and also the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) is actively encouraging all people to plan ahead and make Lasting Powers of Attorneys.

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In Business Update

Brand-new Cowbridge florist offers a very warm welcome

A brand new florist makes its debut in Cowbridge this Saturday, May 7, as Sara Caroline Floral Design opens its doors for the first time.

The new shop is in the former Cowbridge Institute, behind the town hall in the familiar old stone building.

For the last 10 years, all styles of floral design have been a passion for Sara, and she has studied as many aspects of the art/craft as possible.

Those studies have been put to good use, as two years ago she was a medallist in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 'Florist of the Year' competition.

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Barry pupils test their hi-tech skills

ON Tuesday, April 25, year-6 pupils from Barry Island Primary School visited the Sony company in Bridgend to further develop their coding and filming skills.

The children were invited for an all day event that also included a visit from Carwyn Jones.

The school has recently been recognised as a 'Lead School for Science and Technology' to assist in the development of the new curriculum following Professor Donaldson's review in 2015.

The day was spent at Sony's state-of-the-art Academy Centre with a dedicated team of experts to share their knowledge and skills. The children used an array of literacy and IT skills to write scripts, and then film scenes using high quality cameras.

Deputy headteacher, Dominic Broad

commented: "We are very fortunate to have embedded coding across the school. Having already won the Microsoft Welsh coding championships (Kodu Cup Cymru), forging links with Sony Academy allows us to further challenge our children and provide innovative ICT opportunities across the school."

A group of pupils had the opportunity to work on their coding skills using Raspberry Pi technology.

Matt Gilbert, the headteacher, commented: "Working with Sony has provided excellent opportunities for the children to bridge their learning in a real life context."

"The pupils have had a wonderful opportunity to continue to develop computer programming skills. We would like to thank Sony for providing the children with a great learning experience."

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St Illtyd Primary School pupils meet the Bluebirds

LAST week, St Illtyd Primary School's year-4 classes entertained parents and special guests from Cardiff City Football Club and Foundation with their 'football crazy' assembly.

Over the past term, the year group have been using a football topic to enhance their learning. Lots of literacy, maths, history and research skills have been used.

Not only that, but the children have been raising money for the Cardiff City Foundation Charity which was suggested by year-4 pupils.

Huw Day from the foundation and Cardiff City footballer Fabio Da Silva received the cheque for £175 from the pupils.

Mrs Woods and Miss O'Connell, year-4 class teachers, said: "This has been a fantastic topic that has been led by the pupils' interests and helped embed the Welsh Government's 'Four Purposes'. The children were so excited that the topic culminated with an assembly and visit from Fabio Di Silva."

The 'Four Purposes' are at the heart of the Welsh Government's new curriculum, helping develop pupils as ambitious, capable learners; enterprising contributors; ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals.

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St Paul's fair THIS Saturday (May 7) is the day to pick up some bargains at the St Paul's Church Hall fair.

Stalls will include books, CDs and DVDs, home made cakes and jams, toys, bottle stall and bric-a-brac. Grand prize draw with hamper and other prizes.

Doors open 2pm in St Paul's Avenue, Barry. All proceeds in aid of the continuing work of St Paul's Church and the ancient parish church of Merthyr Dyfan.



What's On - In brief

St Brides Community Council

The annual general meeting of the St Brides Community Council is on May 9 at All Saints Church, Southerndown, followed by the monthly meeting at 7.30pm.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled: 'HM Customs', by Colin Addicot, at 2pm on Wednesday, May 11, in Cowbridge Town Hall. There is a small fee for visitors, which includes refreshments.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

Shadows Club

THE next Shadows Club takes place on May 10 at the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth, (029 2030 9979) from 8pm.

Play, bring your guitar, or just to listen. Licensed bar, all are welcome.

Gwanwyn Arts and Crafts

VALE 50+ is organising the Gwanwyn (spring) Festival in May, to promote creativity in the senior years.

Activities and taster sessions for people of all ages including computers, knitting and crochet, crafts, watercolours and more.

Friday, May 13 from 10am to 3pm at the Old School, South Road Church community hall, Sully CF64 5TG.

For more information contact 01446 709779 or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Dementia awareness

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a dementia awareness session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 10 at 10am to 12pm.

This is to encourage people who are

worried about dementia to chat to a member of the Crossroads in The Vale team. Support groups, financial help and free counselling are locally available to families.

No appointment needed, just come along and have a chat to one of the team. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

THE computer advice drop-in centre at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, Barry on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon is free and run by Barry Communities First.

Learn to use your computer or tablet with confidence; devices can be provided or you can bring your own. Call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along.

Craft fair at

Barry Museum

THE Barry War Museum at Barry Island railway station will be open, 10am-4pm on Sunday, May 15, and there will be a craft fair in the building, free admission.

The Barry at War group is still looking for items for its wartime kitchen. Could you help?

The fifth Wartime Weekend (September 3-4) is seeking sponsors, supporters and participants.

LIFT group

LIFT (Life Is For Today) offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

They meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight; between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

For more information call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176.

Vale walkers ponder the mystery of Heinz Karl



RIGHT: The headstone of Capt Lipschutz, whose U-Plane designed failed to catch on.

ON a cold but sunny morning, eight Valeways walkers met at the Six Bells in Penmark for a morning walk.

Leaving the pub, they walked along the road but turned off into a lane just before the Rhooose bypass. Crossing ancient earthworks they passed Blackton Farm, before climbing up a hill to join the A48.

Walking alongside the road for 200 yards brought them to a stile and gate which they crossed into a field to drop down towards Whitelands Brook.

Through newly-cleared footpaths they soon reached a track leading under the viaduct towards Porthkerry Park.

This track was ignored in favour of the monks' path leading back up the hill to Porthkerry village and church, where a stop was made for coffee and wandering around the churchyard.

With two of the group local residents, some of the names on the stones were familiar.

An intriguing one was the stone in memory of Captain Heinz Karl Lipschutz described as father of the U-Plane. He was a captain with Cambrian Airways, but what was a U-Plane?

Suitably refreshed, the group dropped down to the coast path and walked up the hill to Bulwarks Fort and then through the caravan park to emerge on the coast by Rhooose Point, where they watched a heron being chased away by a single gull.

A short walk along the coast brought them to Rhooose railway station and here they headed back inland through Rhooose to the road leading to the Highwayman. They passed the western end of the airport runway to go under the bypass, across a couple of fields to return to Penmark having walked all the way round the airport.

Thanks to the Six Bells for their hospitality and the use of the car park.

John Treby, Valeways walk leader

Sax lessons for over-50s



Sax for Fun performing in Cardiff.

THE 'Sax For Fun!' team will be celebrating the 10th birthday of a Wales-wide arts festival for over-50s this May, running two free workshops and a 'jazz jam' on Sunday, May 22 in conjunction with the Vale Jazz Weekend, and as a part of this year's Gwanwyn arts festival.

Age Cymru set up the Gwanwyn arts festival in 2006 to give over-50s a chance to get involved in the creative arts.

The festival happens every May in venues across Wales with arts groups, active retirement and community groups all taking part.

Sax For Fun! has received a Gwanwyn grant to run its jazz workshops sessions for older people in Barry.

Beverley Gough (Sax For Fun! team leader), said: "We're excited to be running our events as a part of the Vale Jazz Weekend this year, and we are looking forward to encouraging people to take up a new musical skill or rekindle their passion for playing an instrument."

"In the first workshop we're offering a free saxophone lesson to over-50s, an instrument will be provided if required, and we aim to show how easy it is to begin your musical journey. It all starts with one note!"

"The second one-hour workshop is for over-50s who'd

love to have a go playing a simple jazz and blues tune, and they will learn a very basic tune that they can perform later that evening at our Sax For Fun jazz jam that runs from 6pm."

Sax For Fun! workshop details: Sunday, May 22 at the Wyndham Conservative Club, Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5RZ. Times: 2pm – 3pm try playing a sax! workshop. 3pm – 4pm try out a jazz tune! workshop.

Jazz jam from 5pm at the same venue. To take part in the workshops, send an email to Beverley at saxforfun@gmail.com. Tel: 07806 625717.

Llantwit man stars in Dinas music festival

THE Dinas Powys music Festival opened on the weekend of April 23 – 24 with a rousing concert on Sunday evening by the Dinas Powys Orchestra, conducted by Antony Tarlton, with soloist Ben Tarlton from Llantwit Major on cello.

The Hebrides Overture by Mendelssohn, taken at a brisk tempo, made an enjoyable start to the concert and the festival. The conductor maintained a flowing tempo throughout.

The rolling wave movement and the power of the sea were

reflected well in Mr Tarlton's interpretation of this well known overture; what a pleasure to listen to.

This was followed by Schumann's Cello Concerto in A Minor. The soloist, a local young man, Ben Tarlton (not yet 21) played this rarely heard and difficult concerto with skill and panache.

Ben played the Elgar Cello Concerto with this orchestra when he was just 14. His technique surpassed the requirements for the Schumann concerto, making even the trickiest of passages flow smoothly and dramatically.

The sound he generated was rich and sumptuous making his entire presentation a joy



Ben Tarlton acknowledges the audience's applause.

to hear. This extremely talented young man has already reached great heights but such is his skill and musicianship I am convinced he has many more platforms within his grasp.

Mozart's 41st Symphony 'Jupiter' came next. This symphony was an inspired choice to round off the programme.

It gave the conductor, Antony Tarlton a good platform to show off his skill at getting an orchestra of mainly amateur players to perform cohesively and imaginatively.

The tempo was surprisingly brisk and well glued-together.

Mr Tarlton presented a well balanced orchestra, each section's solo turn being musically produced.

I was particularly impressed by the 'sympatico' playing of the timpanist Michael Hearty, who clearly understands the dynamics of orchestral playing.

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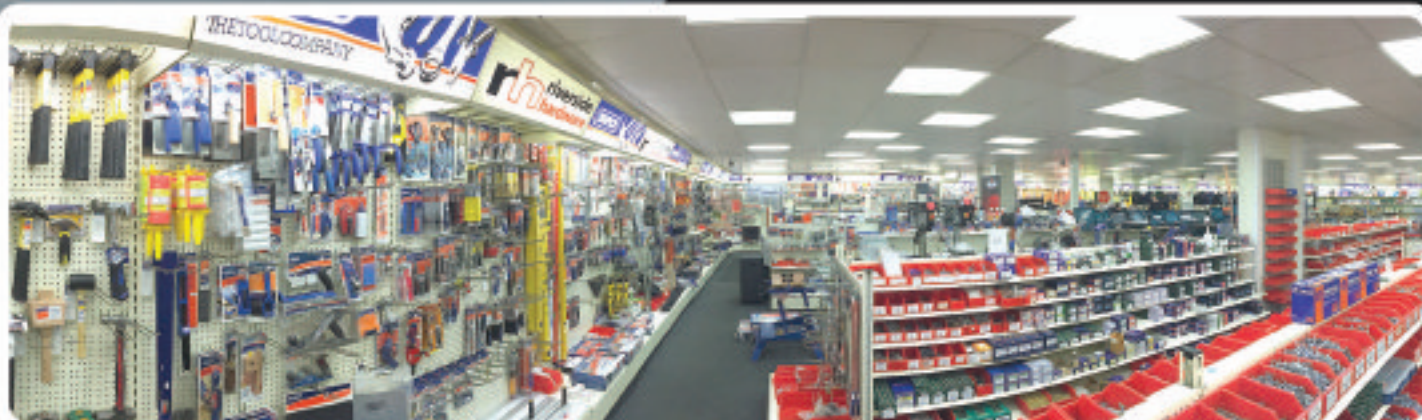
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SAGITTARIUS: Mi fyddwch chi'n llawn ynni a brwdfrydedd o'r diwedd, ar ôl cyfnod annarferol (i chi!) o les-gedd. Unwaith y bydd y planedau Mercher a Mawrth yn symud i le mwy ffafriol yn eich siart ddechrau'r mis, mi fydd pethe ar i fyny!

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THE ROMILLY FAMILY'S FASCINATING LINKS WITH BARRY – local history by Laurie Owen

THE Romilly Family (1677-1983) featured so much in our lives when we were growing up in the 1940s and beyond, and the name is still visible in so many places.

A search revealed some remarkable people, who would leave a legacy in the country in general, but Barry in particular.

In 1685, King Louis XIV of France revoked an edict, making it illegal to be a Huguenot (Protestant) and this action would lead one particular family to flee the country and seek refuge in London.

A century later, some of their descendants would buy land in Porthkerry and Barry and have a major effect on the development of a small village.

King Louis signed the new edict in Fontainebleau in 1685, which meant Huguenots could no longer hold services; their children would be educated as Catholics, and emigration was prohibited. Protestant churches were destroyed and in 1698, preachers were tortured or executed on the scaffold.

In 1701, a young Frenchman, Etienne Romilly (1677-1733) was smuggled across the Channel from Montpellier to settle in Soho, London. He would later marry Judith de Monsallier, who had also been forced to flee the religious persecution in France.

Their son Peter Romilly (1711-1784) married Margaret Garnault, from a wealthy family who had also emigrated and he would become a successful watchmaker/jeweller with his own shop in Frith Street, Soho.

The King was a staunch Catholic and hoped that these people would convert and while many did, thousands emigrated to Europe and Britain. History would show that his decision was a mistake, as most of the people who left were skilled craftsmen, doctors and merchants and would be a great asset to their adopted country.

Samuel Romilly (1757-1818) was the second son of Peter and Margaret and was born in Frith Street, Soho. Although he served for a time in his father's shop, he was a driven young man determined to make a career in the legal profession.

Called to the Bar in 1783, a King's Counsel in 1800, he was then knighted and appointed Solicitor General in the Whig Government of 1806.

He was a renowned legal reformer and extremely active in securing a vote of 283 to 16 in the House of Commons in 1807 to abolish slavery.

Sadly, some British sea captains continued this vile trade, even under threat of a £100 fine for each slave found on board, if apprehended by the Navy. Even then, some would just throw the slaves overboard to lessen any such punishment.

A great deal has been written about this man and his many achievements, but it was his shrewd decision in the early 1800s to buy the bulk of the 'Glamorgan Estate' from the trustees of Lord Llandaff, which makes him of particular interest to the residents of Barry.

It should be remembered that when Sir Samuel Romilly first set eyes on south Wales in the early 1800s, he could not just hop on a train at Paddington and be in Cardiff in two hours.

He wrote that on September 4, 1816 he took his wife Ann (nee Garbett) and children from London through Gloucester, Newnham – along the banks of the River Severn to Chepstow, Cardiff and then Cowbridge. Next day they looked over the estate in Barry and Porthkerry and then back to Cardiff to sleep.

After Brunel built the railway bridge at Chepstow in 1852, rail travel became an option, but it was not until the Severn Tunnel was opened in 1886 that a direct route made the journey a little easier.

Sadly, in November 1818 following the death of his beloved wife, Ann, his grief was such that in a moment of temporary insanity he committed suicide by cutting his throat.

As a coincidence, this Englishman of French extraction who would begin the link with our town in Wales was born on St David's Day.

Edward Romilly (1804-1870) was the second son of Sir Samuel and by 1841 he had built and was living in this grand 'Porthkerry House' with his wife,

Sophia, her mother Jane Marcet, and his brother, Henry. As a young man Edward played first class cricket and was a Whig MP at just 28 years of age.

Over the next 20 years, he rebuilt farmhouses and cottages, improved farming systems and raised labourers' wages. Porthkerry itself was landscaped and known as one of the most charming spots in Glamorgan, much as it is today.

Having been appointed High Sheriff of Glamorgan in 1869 he died of apoplexy the following year at Porthkerry. Records show that Edward was a kind friend, an excellent landlord and an accomplished gentleman and after his death, his widow Sophia built the school in Porthkerry in 1876, at a cost of £400.

Although Samuel's eldest son John Romilly (1802-1874) would not feature a great deal in our town, he too had a distinguished career. Following on from Cambridge University, he was called to the Bar in 1827 and became an MP in 1832 before marrying Caroline Charlotte Otter a year later.

A Queen's Counsel in 1843, Solicitor General, followed by Attorney General, finally by 1851 he was appointed Master of the Rolls. In recognition of his many achievements, he was elevated to the peerage in 1866 and chose to be known as Baron Romilly of Barry in Glamorgan.

In 1857-9 John built his 'lodging house' on St Nicholas Road, opposite the site where his brother Frederick would later build Barry House.

William, the second Baron (1835-1891) produced a son with his first wife Emily Idonea Sophia Le Marchant. This marriage in 1865 illustrates the circles in which the Romilly family were moving, as she was the daughter of General Sir John Gaspard Le Marchant of Guernsey.

After upsetting a paraffin lamp in his Hanover Square home, William died along with his maid Blanche Griffin and cook Emma Lovell.

William's son and heir John Gaspard Le Marchant Romilly (1866-1905) succeeded to the title of third Baron Romilly in 1891. In another coincidence of birth, John was born on St David's day as his great grandfather Samuel had been in 1757.

Educated at Eton College, he served in the King's Royal Rifles and was a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards at 25 years of age, having decided not to follow the family tradition of the law.

We know that by 1894 John was living in Porthkerry when he announced his engagement to his future wife, which was subsequently broken off.

Just three years later, London society was shocked to hear that John had indeed married Violet Edith Grey-Egerton by 'special licence'. The daughter of Sir Philip le Belward Grey-Egerton was due to wed Ernest Cunard, but dramatically decided to wed the third Baron.

In 1899, the local press announced that Lord and Lady Romilly would be living in Porthkerry after the house had been renovated, but it is not clear whether it was the grand house which is now referred to as Egerton Grey or Porthkerry House, which Edward had built in 1840. John served as a magistrate at Dinas Powys, Barry and Penarth.

Shortly after his wedding, he served in the South African War and then died in 1905 after an operation in Harley Street, leaving a widow and a son and heir who became the fourth Baron at just six years of age.

A memorial service was held at Wellington Barracks, attended by many lords and ladies, including Lady Churchill, surely testament to his standing in society. For his service in the African War he was awarded the Queen's Medal with four clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

Following the deaths of the third Baron and Lady Romilly, a special service was held in 1907 at Porthkerry Church to dedicate a magnificent sarcophagus of Genoese marble which can still be seen today. It was erected in memory of them both and although they had been cremated in Woking, their ashes were enclosed here in the churchyard. The Grey-Egertons were in attendance as were most of their tenants and former friends.

William Gaspard Guy Romilly (1899-1983) became the fourth Baron at just six years of age and

would inherit his father's share of the Romilly estate 'at maturity'. Following tradition, he was privately educated at Eton and then Sandhurst and was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards in World War One. It was later reported in the local press that he intended selling his family interest in the Porthkerry estate.

In an effort to prolong the family peerage, he married three separate ladies between 1929 and 1966, Diana Joan Sackville-West was followed by Dora Sybil Morris and finally Marion Elizabeth Jessie Clover, but sadly no heir was forthcoming.

The title 'Baron Romilly of Barry in Glamorgan' would die with him in 1983, 117 years after his great-grandfather John was first honoured in 1866.

Meanwhile, Frederick Romilly (1810-1887) the younger son of Sir Samuel Romilly, had begun his military career at 16 by joining the 79th Foot Highlanders, rising to Captain by 1835.

In 1841 he was private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and he finally left the army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Frederick briefly became the Whig MP for Canterbury in 1850 until the next election in 1852. He was accused of underhand tactics against his opponent Viscount Strangford and this escalated to the point where it became necessary to have a pistol duel to satisfy Frederick's honour.

Duelling only occurred between gentlemen and although the outcome is not known, it was rarely the intention to kill your opponent, but to uphold the family reputation. The Viscount must have been very aggrieved, to risk a duel with a former military man with 20 years' experience.

As further proof of the status of this family, in 1848 Frederick married Elizabeth Amelia Jane Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, the daughter of the second Earl of Minto. In 1865 he commissioned the building of Barry House on several acres of land overlooking the channel and situated just off St Nicholas Road.

Frederick and his wife obviously enjoyed their time in Barry, choosing to be buried in the graveyard of St Nicholas Church, just 100 yards away from the house.

The Romilly family owned a large estate in and around Barry and Frederick and his wife Elizabeth had their 'country residence' in Barry House, but primarily they spent their time in London.

The fact that they chose to be buried in St Nicholas churchyard is surely testament to the affection they must have felt towards our community, bearing in mind that most of their relatives were buried in London.

Frederick died in London in 1887 and his body was brought first to Barry House and then to the churchyard. His nephew, the second Baron Romilly and his son John Gaspard attended, as did all his tenants and employees.

When Elizabeth died five years later, this procedure was repeated and again when their youngest son Hugh Hastings died of African malarial fever, aged just 36. Their second son Frederick William, who died after an illustrious military career in 1935, was also buried alongside his parents and younger brother.

The church and 'Listed Cross' was restored in 1894 by their surviving sons and daughters, in memory of their parents. The four members of the family are buried together in the centre of the churchyard, which is well maintained to this day.

The church was rebuilt in 1876 at a cost of £900 and could accommodate 120 worshippers, which was initially adequate. After the docks were opened in 1889, such was the population growth, the larger All Saints' Church was built in the mid 1900s just a few hundred yards away.

After the deaths of Frederick and Elizabeth, the direct link between the Romilly family and Barry became more distant.

Their son Samuel Henry (1849-1940) inherited the assets and dealt with the business of the Romilly estate, but he was resident and working as a barrister in London.

It should be remembered that when this family

came to Barry/Porthkerry it was just a small village and as they erected buildings, workers began to come from further afield. In the 1840s, Cold Knap/Cole Farm was managed as a home farm for the Romilly estate and a bailiff came from Scotland and a gamekeeper from Northampton. Throughout their time with us, we have seen that several generations made contributions to the growth of our town, even before the opening of the Docks in 1889.

Some of their contributions to our town include: 1840s – landscaped Porthkerry Park and built the sawmill in the Millwood; 1860s – cottages in Old Village Road and the shop on the corner; 1893 – sold an acre of land for Romilly Infants School; 1898 – donated land for Romilly Park; 1904 – leased land for Windsor Road Church; 1929 – sold to the Council for £8,000 an area of 224 acres of Porthkerry and across the beach under Bulls Nose to the 'pebbly' beach.

The Barry Dock News reported that in 1894, the Crown objected to the family having the foreshore rights along Porthkerry to the 'pebbly beach', which gave them extra income by selling the limestone.

It was also reported that in 1900, French was being well taught in Romilly School, possibly some influence by this family with their French origins.

It was surprising to find just how much my life and that of my peers, benefited from the efforts of this illustrious family. As a child, I went to Romilly School just 100 yards from the house where I was born, which was itself only about 100 yards from the 'Yankee dump', which was at the very top end of the Porthkerry estate and where we all played without fear.

As teenagers in the 1950s, we would go to the Romilly Cinema Club on a Saturday morning to see *Tarzan*. In spring, we would be 'down the woods', cutting bows and arrows and bringing home primroses for mums.

In the summer we would be playing tennis in Romilly Park, or swimming at the Knap. On other fine days when 'rich families' would drive to Porthkerry Park, we would become entrepreneurs for the day. At the bottom of Fishpond Hill there was a gate, and also further along by the old cottage there was a second gate. They, of course, needed to be opened and closed to allow the cars to enter and leave. For this service we would be paid pennies and sometimes even a sixpence. Later on there would be the conkers from the 'park', then in October it would be back 'down the woods' chopping down the 'centre pole' and collecting dead branches for the bonfire; and then standing guard for the next few weeks repelling intruders if they attacked.

Postscript: After being knighted for his service to the country, would Sir Samuel appreciate being remembered in this way at the former Romilly Cinema, 200 years after his demise?

'It's time Barry had own youth choir' – CALL

AN exciting opportunity for young singers in Barry is about to open up with the launch of Young Vale Voices, a mixed youth choir for singers aged between 15 and 21.

Jen Roderick, who recently stepped down as conductor of the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Choir, has been leading children's and youth choirs for 19 years, would like Barry to have its own youth choir.

A spokesperson said: "Choral singing is not only great fun; there is a wonderful sense of teamwork and achievement when all parts flow together in harmony in a live performance before an audience. There is no feeling quite like it!"

"Rehearsals will take place at Romilly Primary School on Thursday evenings starting in the new school term in September, but auditions will be held this month to recruit choir members. "There is no need to be nervous; you may sing a song of your own choice at the audition and no previous choral experience is necessary. "Simply come along to Romilly Primary School Hall, Romilly Road, on Thursday, May 12 or Thursday, May 19 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm."

Jen has previously conducted choirs at prestigious venues such as Cardiff's St David's Hall, the Birmingham Symphony Hall and at the opening of the Senedd before Her Majesty the Queen, so the choir will be in good hands. If you would like more information, contact Jen by email at youngvalevoices@gmail.com.

Festival time nearly here

THE annual Dinas Powys Music Festival has begun with a feast of concerts to appeal to just about every taste.

Once again, the Dinas Powys Community Council is sponsoring the school concert on Thursday, May 12. The venue is the parish hall and the event is free to local invited primary schools.

This year there is a 'steel pan' concert run by 'Wadha'. The concert will be interactive and the audience will be encouraged to take part. Although this concert is for pupils, the wider

public can enjoy in the open air 'Duo-Flex', a steel pan group on the Twyn in the heart of old Dinas Powys on Saturday, May 14 at 10am. Duo-Flex specialises in Caribbean-style music.

Coun Keith Hutton, chair of the community council finance committee said that the council was again delighted to support the festival.

He said: "We are especially keen to encourage youngsters to enjoy music of all types. It's not every day that there is a steel band performing live in our community."

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Charity music event

MUSIC event organiser Steven Miller from Barry, and Mandy Caddy (Cardiff YMCA Housing Association) are promoting a fundraising gig to raise funds to provide support services and accommodation for the homeless.

The event takes place at the Moon Club, Womanby Street, Cardiff, on Saturday, June 4.

Steve said: "So far 'Tenplusone', 'Pizzatramp', 'UK's Lowest', '[6foot7]', 'The D Teez' and 'Icons of Filth' have signed up to play at the event."

Mandy Caddy said: "Last year, almost 1,000 people came through our doors for help. All were homeless, with nowhere to stay for that night or the foreseeable future... and each with their own individual support needs."

"So we are pulling out every stop to promote this event and get as many people involved as possible."

If you would like to purchase a ticket for the event, you can do so on the door (doors open at 4pm), or directly from the YMCA in Cardiff, via email at mandy.caddy@ymcacardiff.wales. Tickets cost £7.

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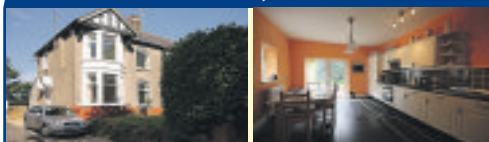
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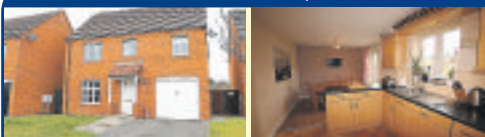
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RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS ENJOY SUCCESS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS!

FOLLOWING a successful series of competition dates at the Welsh Stillwaters earlier in the year, more recently the Nipper and Junior teams from Rhoose Lifeguards competed in the British Surf Life Saving Stillwater Championships.

Competing against teams from across England and Wales, held over two consecutive days at Millfield School near Glastonbury it was a packed weekend for all those competing and spectating.

Saturday saw the Nipper team kick off the weekend of competition. With over 700 kids in attendance and many more family members supporting it was a busy day to say the least.

All of the Nippers were in heats due to the numbers with over 70 kids competing in some age groups. Personal bests were met with some outstanding performances throughout the day.

Huge congratulations to Connie who picked up to gold British Champion medals for her flipper and manikin carry races and to Ruby Phillips for winning bronze in her individual flipper race.

The Nipper team finished in a very respectable 13th place out of the 26 teams taking part.

After a packed day at the Nipper event the Juniors competition took place at Millfield.

With a high number of competitors once again the Juniors were placed in heats for their various events.

Well done to all of those who travelled and took part at the championships but



particular thanks go to the 'Nipper Juniors' who competed for both the Nippers on the Saturday and the Juniors on the Sunday.

Special congratulations go to Nipper Junior Emily for winning a gold British Champion medal in her manikin carry with fins race and a bronze in the manikin tow with fins race.

Well done also to Finn for picking up a bronze medal in the Super Lifesaver event, Alex's silver medal in the manikin carry with fins and to the boys and girls relay teams for their bronze medals.

The Junior team finished in seventh place out of the 24 teams competing.

Rhoose Lifeguards would always like to thank all of the coaches, families and helpers at these events - we couldn't do it without you!

JF



College hosts a hair and beauty show

CARDIFF and Vale College will host the fifth annual Wales Hair and Beauty Show on Sunday, May 8 at its new City Centre Campus.

Wales' only hair and beauty show will be held at Urbasba, one of the largest commercial salons in the country with an urban spa with jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, floatation tank and more.

Organised by the Beauty Finder Group, The Wales Hair and Beauty Show is a showcase for the hairdressing, beauty and well-being industries in Wales and the South West. Visitors and

exhibitors attend from across the UK and Ireland.

Show organiser Michael Quinn said: "I look forward to working with the college's hair and beauty team to offer a showcase for the industry in Wales each year."

CAVC head of hair, beauty, spa and complementary therapies, Ceri Evans said: "We are excited to be partnering with the Wales Hair and Beauty Show and hosting the show."

For more information and to book tickets, visit <http://www.waleshairandbeautyshow.co.uk/>.

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Golf season gets under way at Wenvoe Golf Castle Golf Club



Paul Coombs (centre) presenting Rob and Lynda Campbell with their winning prize in the Vaughan Thompson Trophy

THE new golfing season finally got underway after exceptionally wet conditions throughout the winter months and well into the spring.

April has seen a gradual improvement in conditions and the greenstaff have to be complimented for minimizing the course closures during this difficult period.

Retiring club captain Chris Jones handed over new club captain Paul Coombs at the recent AGM and with little time to get his feet under the table, the busy golf programme was in full swing.

The new captain's charity day in support of Cancer Research Wales will be held on May 28, when it is hoped to raise significant funds for this worthy cause together with many other opportunities throughout the year.

April saw the first of many competitions where the winners will see their names in gold leaf on the honours board and the first to do so was Rowley Bana, who lifted the Coronation Cup with an impressive 5up.

Top scores in the Welsh team handicap qualifier went to Ian Francis, Peter Bayley, Paul Currie and Mike O'Driscoll.

Paul Wheatley won the first stableford competition of the year and Rhys Bagnall posted the best score in opening medal.

The ladies section was also very busy in April with Helen Hughes playing well to win the Ladies GUV Jan Duddridge Rose Bow and Sheila Morrow winning the Thomson Salver.



Retiring captain Chris Jones (on the right) congratulating new club captain Paul Coombs.

conditions to win the Vaughan Thompson Trophy.

The club was delighted with the response to the recent membership recruitment drive and there are still opportunities to join.

There are many benefits in taking out membership whether you are an experienced golfer or taking up the game for the first time. Why not ring the club secretary, Nicola Sims, on 02920

594371 or visit the club website, www.wenvoecastle golfclub.co.uk, to find out more about taking out membership or simply playing the course.

The impressive Wenvoe Castle is also licensed to undertake marriages and civil partnerships and an ideal venue for any wedding - we even offer discounts for joint memberships!

BJ

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results for Barry and District Ladies Skittle League are as follows:

Division One: Bobby's Girls (M Butchers 25) 242, SV Gals (J Richards 27) 274; Colcot Ladies (K Taylor 31) 267, Special Angels (L Mountford 27) 258; Breakaways (B Thurston, L Bennett 30) 301, Space Finders (M Clark, E Worthy 33) 309; Barry Stars (S Phillips, N Jones 33) 342, Coppers (D Nesbitt 37) 322; Family Affair (C Thomas, J Davies 25) 247, Bakers Dozen (S Davis 29) 253; Family and Friends (C Mathews 26) 248, Cigar Ladies (A McCarthy 22) 227; Castle Bandits (C Kerslake 26) 242, Allsorts (Jean Jones 27) 261.

Division Two: Rhose Ravers (G Ballow 28) 236, Pila Palas (R Webb 26) 249; Witchill Widows (L Sullivan, C Gregory 34) 318, Cad Con Fillies (S Chillcott 34) 327; S V Lights (D Masterman 33) 280, Castaways (P Clisset 29) 286; Witchill Weebies (S Robinson, S Edwards, T Edwards 33) 348, Vixens (M Marks 35) 319; Clickies (K Watts 39) 315, Little

Devils (J Jones 33) 296; Red Admiral (M McCarthy 25) 241, Rhose Starlights (D Stradling 28) 204; After Eights (C Hayes 27) 268, Merry Makers (M Payne 28) 276.

Division Three: Ectetera (P Tumilty 27) 251, Rugby Tiers (S Cogbill 30) 290; Airways Angels J Naish, M Carpenter 23) 219, Hill Billies (E Anzani 25) 191; Twilights (A Campbell 23) 223, Westenders (S Somers, C Gee 25) 234; Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 23) 214, La Belles (S Davies 29) 226; Roller Coasters (B Maffey 27) 225, Fallen Angels (C Phillips 25) 214; Friends and Neighbours (L Williams 30) 236, S V Ladies (G Davey 26) 248.

Division Four: Aristocats (M Moore 28) 245, Challengers (B Griffiths 27) 244; Nite Outers (B Lowrie 25) 222, Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds, V Kerslake 25) 169; Hell Raisers (M Nugent 26) 236, Rebels (S Williams 28) 238; Witches (S Beer 27) 245, Uptown Girls (C Miller 30) 271.

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

CARDIFF AIRPORT won the Barry Cup 3-2 against Wenvoe Arms in a thrilling final.

Skipper Liam Davies bagged a brace to put Airport 2-0 up before Wenvoe's Jacob Santos scored twice to pull them level.

Mikey Hall then bagged the winner as Airport celebrated a league and cup double. Airport's Theo Richards was named man of the match.

Airport had sealed their second successive Vale of Glamorgan Premier Division title last Thursday winning 6-1 against Dinas Powys Athletic. Airport now face a play-off for promotion to the SWFA Alliance League.

On the weekend St Athan sealed the runners up spot with a 6-0 victory over Island Marine while Dinas Powys Athletic bounced back from the midweek defeat with an impressive 4-3 away win against Cowbridge Town.

Penarth Town stunned Barry Athletic with an excellent 5-2 win to take them out of the bottom two.

In Division One Cardiff Airport B held leaders Cogan

Coronation 1-1 but it seems only a matter of time before Cogan seal the title.

Vale United notched an important win against promotion rivals Tynewydd, edging them out 1-0 to swap places and go third.

Barry Belgrade got back to winning ways with only their second win in 10 in all competitions with an emphatic 8-2 victory over BVFC.

AFC Rhose B got an impressive 3-2 win over FC Pumas and Cadoxton Athletic won the 'Caddy derby' 4-2 against Cadoxton Barry as they made it four games without defeat to go fifth.

In Division Two Dockers Reunited won the big game of the day 4-1 against title rivals Barry Athletic B to leapfrog them to the top of the league with two games in hand.

Dockers are now looking like firm favourites for the title now. Fourth place Knap notched a 4-0 win over fifth place Penarth B while St Athan B were held 3-3 by Island Marine B. Finally, bottom side Barry Albion were defeated 6-3 by third place Cadoxton Imps.

HD



Barry Comprehensive reached the sevens tournament final. ALL PHOTOS by PHILIP HALL

Rugby and cricket news from Barry Comprehensive



PE teacher Alun Jones, Mark Ellis from Barry Athletic Cricket Club, Chris Lewis and headteacher Gerard McNamara with students.

YEAR-7 and 8 students at Barry Comprehensive School were excited to welcome former England cricketer Chris Lewis to the school last week.

The visit was arranged by Barry Athletic Cricket Club and the Professional Cricketers' Association with the aim of attracting more young people to the sport.

Chris, who played for Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Leicestershire, and played in 32 Tests and 53 one day internationals for England, led the 45 students through a series of cricket drills and games.

The presence of an ITV Wales News crew only added to the excitement. Working with Chris really motivated the boys, who responded very positively to the experience.

The school would like to thank Barry Athletic CC, the PCA and especially Chris for an excellent introduction to the sport.

BC

Barry Invitational Sevens

BARRY Comprehensive School joined forces with Barry Rugby Club to host the largest cross border sevens tournament in Wales earlier this year.

The tournament was held at Barry Rugby Club and welcomed 32 of Britain's best under-13 school teams.

Teams from as far afield as Devon, Doncaster, Sutton Coldfield, Cardigan, Llandovery and Monmouth joined a host of local sides including Barry Comprehensive, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Ysgol Glantaf, Treorchy, Bryn Tawe and Plasnewydd.

Barry Comprehensive reached the main cup final but were beaten by Ysgol Glantaf.

School staff donated

their time to run the event, offering food, refreshments and a bar to visitors enjoying a day packed with exciting, first class school rugby.

Thanks to the support of the local community, including sponsorship from local businesses New Broad Street Motors and Macron Store, Cardiff, and great attendance by families and friends, the event was very successful.

Proceeds from the day will help support the school's charity work in Sri Lanka as well as funding the school's rugby programme.

The school would really like to thank Barry Rugby Club for all their help and allowing us to host the event there, showing what a fantastic community club they are.

Penllyn Bridge Club April results

THURSDAY, April 7 (19 pairs):

1st Marian East and Gill Wybrow 64.06%, 2nd John Lord & Jo Hsley 62.78%, 3rd Moyra Cuthill & Julia Evans 59.69%.

Thursday, April 14 (23 pairs): 1st Julie Evans & Mairwen Edwards 62.22%, 2nd Allan Evans & Keith Price 60.56%, 3rd David & Marian Stephenson 59.17%.

Thursday, April 21 (16 pairs): 1st John Lord & Mairwen Edwards 57.47%, 2nd Dot Williams & Anne Sparks 57.14%, 3rd Norma Barber & Moyra Cuthill 56.82%.

Thursday, April 28 (21 pairs), Robert Brown Competition: 1st Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 61.36%, 2nd Cath Domanic & John Hunter 61.11%, 3rd Helen & Mike Rutledge 55.56%. CN

We welcome your sports reports, news and other items of interest - email us at gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Anniversary celebrated at swimming gala!



THIS April was a most important month for the Barry Amateur Swimming Club.

Our club was founded in April 1926 - and on April 24, we held our 90th anniversary gala at the Barry Leisure Centre.

Rhondda Swimming Club and Celtic Dolphins Swimming Club came to compete and Rhondda, Cynon Taf Club brought two teams also.

Barry also had two teams competing and the poolside and the viewing gallery was full of people. The competition programme meant that the swimmers mostly had a 50 metres swim either in an individual event or as a member of a relay team.

We must congratulate all our older swimmers who made a special effort to come to swim at the Gala - their successes were well fought, excellent and much appreciated.

We had many 'novice' swimmers who competed for the first time in this Gala - they swam with great enthusiasm and their effort was greatly appreciated. Thank you very much to all those who swam on Sunday.

At the end of the Gala



all the teams waited at the shallow end of the pool for the announcement of the winning club.

It was a very close run event but finally Rhondda Cynon Taf A team had a very close victory over Celtic Dolphins in second place.

Rhondda Club and RCT B team both had a joint finishing place of third place. RCT A team was presented with the special cup to commemorate the 90th anniversary by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt.

We were most grateful to Jane for her presence at the Gala and for presenting the cup to the winning team.

The Barry Club are

very fortunate in that we possess several books containing articles from papers recording the past events in which the club and its members have been involved over the past 90 years.

These memories have been kept and have endured over the 90 years and were all put on display for parents and visitors to peruse at the Gala.

All Barry swimmers were all given a 90th anniversary celebratory swimming cap as a memento of the event.

If anyone would like further information about the Barry Swimming Club, please contact Mrs H Cooper on 01446 733784.

SB

Youth team comeback is all in vain

BARRY RFC youth travelled to the Cardiff Quins in an attempt to reverse their previous result.

Being able to only field 14 players Barry were up against it from the off. The Quins started brightly and played some decent attacking rugby and Barry just weren't at the races.

Barry were slow to the breakdown and looked lost in defence in a first half. This saw the Quins score 14 unanswered points in the first half.

The scoreline may not have been so one sided were it not for poor handling and dropped balls from the Barry side. The half-time message from the coaching staff was for Barry to start believing in their own abilities and to take the game to the Quins.

This message didn't appear to kick in, with the Quins scoring another two quick unconverted tries, making the score a very one-sided 24-0.

Eventually though Barry realised they were involved in a game of rugby and began taking the game to the hosts.

With strong running from the pack and line breaks from Peake and Webb, Barry looked to try and get on the scoreboard.

However, more handling errors and last minute knock-ons looked to be a thorn in their side.

Barry had their tails up however and refused to give up. With some exciting play from outside half Morgan-Grant, he was able to score a well-worked try; he also added the extras with a successful conversation.

Barry now started to believe they may be in the game, and with some outstanding work at the breakdown from the

forwards, the back line sparked into action and winger Adam Webb was able to break away, showing off his pace to score a well-worked try. Morgan-Grant added the extras.

Barry were well and truly working through the gears now and after some great work yet again from the pack, Tom Hunt was able to pick up from a ruck and crash over the try line with no fewer than four Quins defenders hanging off him. Again Morgan-Grant added the extras.

With the score now at 24-21 Barry were on the front foot. However after an error in the midfield, Quins picked up a spilled ball and crossed the line for an unconverted try.

Still thinking a win was possible, Morgan-Grant took a quick kick off and immediately put Quins under pressure.

Quins attempted to clear their lines but Barry were able to win the ball back and after a clever chip over the top Morgan-Grant was able to pick up his own kick and race towards the line.

He also converted the try, taking his points tally for the day to an impressive 18. Unfortunately for Barry that was to be the last play of the game.

The final score saw the Quins earn a very narrow 29-28 win, but Barry can be proud of themselves for not giving up and for sticking to the task until the final whistle.

Barry youth's last league fixture will be at home against Llandaff North on Saturday, May 14.

GP

A good start to bowling year for Romilly...

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club first team opened their season with a home game against Maesteg Welfare in a Carruthers Shield game.

The A team were playing their second game in the SVLA Cup at Llantwit Major having won their opening game the previous week at Millwood.

The Romilly Club only opened on April 16, therefore it was difficult for Romilly players to get enough practice in readiness for important cup games coming this early in the outdoor season.

Having had such a successful season in 2015, Romilly will need to be at their very best to maintain their position as top team in the CML and the A team in their venture into new division four.

ROMILLY V MAESTEG WELFARE

Romilly welcomed Maesteg Welfare to Romilly Park on Saturday in their first group game in the 2016 Carruthers Shield on a decent afternoon for bowls, albeit with a cool wind blowing.

The game commenced with the normal trial ends and it was immediately evident that the green was still as heavy, if not heavier, than previous years.

Maesteg won the jack and immediately delivered a minimum length jack in an attempt to ensure that they were able to reach but to no avail as by the fifth end Romilly had raced to a 30-10 lead with all Romilly rinks taking an early advantage.

After the 10th end Romilly were maintaining the advantage of 19 shots but it was the rink skipped by Jeff Wright who was the catalyst for this, in front 20-4 with the other Romilly rinks having close games.

As the game continued Romilly had increased their advantage to 29, 73-44 at the end of the 15th with Wright's rink of

Alun Bryan, Roger Jones and Clive Collins outclassing their opponents, leading 32-4.

The rink skipped by Fred Phillips had also moved ahead, leading 17-9, but the rinks skipped by Graham Cogbill and Brian Foscolo were losing by one and six respectively.

Over the final six ends Romilly maintained their advantage, finally winning 97-68 with Wright's rink running away to a 42-8 victory, while Phillips' rink of Alan Bannister, Gwynne Rees and Rhodri Phillips battled well to a 20-13 success.

Graham Cogbill's rink of Gary Eastment, Andrew Hatcher and captain Mike Doyle, who had been trailing from the 10th end, fought back well to score a one and three to tie their game 21-21.

The rink of Foscolo, Kelvin Mills, Terry Bloomfield and Mel Newman were never at their best and were well beaten 14-26.

Romilly play at Llantwit Major this Saturday in their next Carruthers Shield game at 2.30pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR A V ROMILLY A

Romilly A team were playing in their second SVLA game on Saturday away to Llantwit Major, having

beaten

Millwood 'A' the previous week.

Romilly got off to a poor start, down by 14 at the fifth end, 10-24.

As the game progressed the Romilly players got acclimatised to a better running green than at Romilly Park and at the 10th end had reversed the score to lead by 16 shots, 47-31.

By the 15th end Romilly had increased their advantage to 35 shots, 77-42, mainly due to the rinks of Len Jones, Dave Noble, Alfie Woolcock and skip Tony Freeman, and Wynne James, Lynne Richards, Mike Gronow and skip Des Bannister, ahead by 27-5 and 30-7 respectively.

Over the final six ends the rinks of Freeman and Bannister maintained their dominance, winning by 28-9 and 32-12 respectively, while the rink of Bob Wyatt, who had a close game throughout, managed a three on the final end to win 20-18.

Unfortunately the only losing rink was that of captain Howard Jones who lost by five shots, the final score 99-63, Romilly taking 12 points to Llantwit's two.

Having won the SVLA Cup over the past few seasons the 'Rom' have got off to a good start winning two from two.

FP

The Barry and District league tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons 6, Rhooose Social 9, Wyndham Cons 7, West End 8; Liberals 6, Moors Boys 9.

League table: Rhooose Social 180, Liberals 180, Wyndham Cons 177, West End 175, West End Runaways 172, Cadoxton Cons 170, Moors Boys 161.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 2, Rhooose Social 5; Rhooose Social A 5, Sea View B 2; Cambrian Flyers 0, King William XII 7; Rhooose Social B 2, Slammers 5; Rhooose Social A 5, Allsorts 2.5; Barries Boys 2, West End D 5; West End C 7, Liberals A 0.

League table: Sea View B 119.5, West End D 107.5, Barries Boys 95.5, King William XII 93.5, Rugby Club 91.5, West End C 84.5, Rhooose Social A 84, Slammers 83, Rhooose Social B 82, Allsorts 80, Rhooose Social C 62.5, Liberals A 61, Cambrian Flyers 53.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Wyndham Cons A 4,

Rhooose Social C 1; Savoy A 5, West End C 0; Cadoxton Cons B 5; Rhooose Social B 0; Caddy Allstars 0, Harbour B 5.

League table: Harbour B 101, Savoy A 97, Cadoxton Cons B 88, Wyndham Cons A 72, West End C 64, Cadoxton Cons Z 62, Caddy Allstars 49, Rhooose Social B 49, Rhooose Social C 49, Penarth Cons B 44, Market Street C 41.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Wyndham Cons C 1, Savoy B 4; Services Social B 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1; Wyndham Cons D 2, West End B 3; Market Street B 3, Sully Sports A 2; West End A 1, Liberals A 4.

League table: Services Social B 88, Liberals 86, Savoy B 81, Market Street B 78, Penarth Cons A 78, Wyndham Cons C 67, Cadoxton Cons A 62, Sully Sports A 53, West End A 52, Wyndham Cons D 40, West End B 40 (= points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'. JW

Seaview Lads news

FISHING has improved at last. After some miserable weights at the beginning of the month, anglers have finally found the fish!

In the first half of April and late March, winning weights were paltry with hardly a fish being landed and winning bags weighing just a pound or two, but in recent weeks some excellent sport has been enjoyed with plenty of double figure catches.

Paul Crook stormed that latest leg of the doubles event with a stunning 29lb of fish, while the previous week saw Lee Thompson take first place with a winning weight that included a Blonde ray of over 8lb.

Outside of matched, Paul Coles landed a superb double-figure Blonde, as well as an eel that won him first place and the 'snowball' pool money in the last competition of March.

Our annual Mickey Langford awards event was well supported and Mike kept his trophy shelves well stocked as ever with a few consolation awards for the rest of us; Ron 'the Pocket' was voted sportsman of the year.

The mystery trip was a success judging by the feedback and names are

being taken for forthcoming trips both locally and overseas.

Finally, don't forget to fish on May 1 - book in at 10am, weigh in 6.30pm and the boat trips have been booked on some great tides, so if you fancy the chance of hooking into a real lunker, get your names down quickly!

Results: April 24 - First, P Crook, 28lb 3oz; second, S Doble, 11lb 13oz; third, A Harris, 10lb 5oz; fourth, R Green, 5lb 15oz; fifth, D Whitcombe, 4lb 10oz; sixth, P Coles, 4lb 0oz.

April 22 - First, L Thompson, 9lb 11oz blonde 8lb 10oz; second, M Langford, 8lb 5oz; third, P Coles, 6lb 3oz; fourth, R Whitcombe, 3lb 8oz.

April 16 - First, R Mourners, 2lb 12.5 oz; second, D Ladner, 0lb 15oz.

April 3 - First, R Bond, 11lb 10oz; second, S Doble, 11lb 6.25 oz; third, R Lougher, 11lb 4.25oz; fourth, K Salah, 11lb 2.5oz; fifth, M Langford, 0lb 13oz; sixth, R Whitcombe, 0lb 3oz.

March 27 - First, P Coles, 6lb 1oz conger snowball fish; second, A Harris, 4lb 11.5oz; third, M Langford, 11lb 8oz; fourth, T Williams, 11lb 2oz.

March 25 - First, A Harris, 2lb 9oz; second, S Warner, 2lb 0oz; third, G Mitchell, 1lb 7.5oz; fourth, S Doble, 0lb 10oz; fifth, T Williams, 0lb 9oz; sixth, P Coles, 0lb 2oz.

Bowlers shine in Shield

ON Saturday, April 30, Rhooose Bowls Club welcomed the men of Ogmere Vale for their first encounter in the Carruthers Shield.

On a fine but blustery day the Rhooose men came out with a convincing win overall.

Paul Williams' rink scored 38 shots against seven to Ogmere Vale. One end scored eight shots, resulting in a hotshot for Paul's rink.

Ron Balls' rink scored 23 shots to 16 and Terry Martin's rink scored 9 shots to 21.

Sadly the day was overshadowed with the death of Eddie Morris.

Eddie was a long-time member of the Rhooose Bowls Club and will be

missed for his good humour and kindness to all who new him.

Our deepest sympathies go to Margaret, Eddie's wife, and family.

The ladies section also had a good day when they entertained Llantwit Major in a friendly match on Tuesday, April 26.

Dot Gardner's rink scored 31 shots to 11, Rita Craig's rink scored 15 shots to 11 and Jo Hopkins had a narrow loss, 9 to 10 shots; this was mainly due to a player being unwell and Jo then went down to three players.

This resulted in having to lose a quarter of her score.

Hopefully this good start to the season will be maintained throughout the summer.

RC

Cup final action at Jenner Park

THE past two weekends saw about four Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League finals take place.

On Friday, April 22, in the Year 8 final for the Billy Butlin Cup, Barry Town United beat Island Marine Blues 4-0. Then on Sunday, April 24, in the Year 9 final for the Harry Gratton Cup, Cogan Coronation Juniors beat Sully Sports Reds 3-1.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League would like to thank Gavin Chesterfield and the Gratton family for presenting the winners with the trophies.

On Sunday, May 1, another Cogan Coronation Juniors v Sully Sports final started the day, this time in the Year 10 age group for the Steve Williams Trophy.

The match was being edged by Cogan who managed to get two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 lead into the second half.

A further two unanswered goals in the second were enough for Cogan Coronation Juniors to lift the Steve Williams Trophy. The Cogan goalscorers were Louis Crook, Jordan Jones,



Barry Town United secretary David Coles presenting Cogan Coronation Juniors captain Louis Crook with the Steve Williams Memorial Trophy.

Will Parsons and Logan Newcombe.

In the afternoon the traditional final cup match took penultimate spot this year with Cardiff Airport, crowned Premier Division champions after a 6-1 win over Dinas Powys Athletic on the previous Thursday, taking on Wenvoe Arms for the Barry Cup.

Wenvoe were forced into an unforced substitution due to a player being injured, and as with the morning, a two goal cushion saw the tie poised at 2-0 come half-time with Cardiff Airport having the lead.

Wenvoe didn't bow their heads and fought back into the game levelling it with two Jacob Santos goals in the second half, the second with 15 minutes left on the clock.

Cardiff Airport were under pressure but another attack with seven minutes to go saw them net their third, which proved to be the winner.

Cardiff Airport's goals were scored by Liam Davies (with a brace) and Mike Hall. With two trophies in the bag, Cardiff Airport visited Treforest on Wednesday (May 4) night to play Trebanog in the final of the



Barry Mayor Emma Pritchard handing the Barry Cup to Cardiff Airport captain Liam Davies (above) and the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot to Theo Richards (below).



SWFA Intermediate Cup to possibly claim a treble.

As with the tradition of the Barry Cup final, the man of the match is awarded the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot, and this year Theo Richards of

Cardiff Airport was the worthy recipient.

The delayed ASRS Cup final takes place on Sunday, May 15 at Jenner Park with kick off at 2.15pm between Dinas Powys Athletic and Penarth Town.

MD



Local Olympians come to the 'fore'!

Four Special Olympics Wales golfers travelled to Bicester Golf Club on Monday to take part in the West Midlands regional golf competition.

We set out at 9.30am on Monday arriving at midday when all four undertook some instruction from the golf professional on both the short and long game.

We teed off in dry weather on the way round, but on the course we encountered sun, rain, wind, snow and sleet - typical British weather!

Mathew Sims, a Special Olympics Wales golfer from Cardiff, competed in the 18 hole competition and received third place with a round of 103.

The nine hole competition was split into three divisions as there was a large number of entries - James Savory (Barry) took division 1 with Mark Eveleigh (Barry) coming in fourth place, while division 2 was won by Gareth Lloyd (Barry) with Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) receiving a

sixth place. All four golfers play weekly at St Andrews Major Golf Club in Barry, under the watchful eye of golf professional John Hasting.

Special Olympics provide sports training and competition all year round for adults and children with learning disabilities in the Vale.

We also have groups in artistic gymnastics, boccia, bocce and kayaking in Bridgend, and we have swimming in Cardiff, as well as badminton, swimming, indoor bowls and 10 pin bowling - anyone interested should contact Jeff Savory via jeff@specialolympicswales.co.uk or call 0780 316 5581.

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Treble delight for Vale Girls under-14 team

VALE Girls' under-14s completed a remarkable season at the weekend securing the South Wales Girls league under-14 title to make it a treble winning season, having already lifted the South Wales FA Cup and League Cup.

The girls have put in a fantastic effort throughout the season and secured the league title with a game to spare following a battling 5-3 victory away to their closest rivals Plics FC in Pontypool.

Vale went into the game knowing a draw would be enough to secure the league but were given their

biggest test of the season against plucky opponents who needed a win to keep their own hopes of beating Vale to the title.

Vale started the game strongly but Plics took the lead with a left foot shot to put Vale behind for the first time in a game this season.

To their credit they bounced back superbly, Sian Rees drew a great save by the Plics' goalkeeper before hitting the woodwork.

Finally Vale levelled five minutes before half time when Aliyah Jama showed great composure in front of goal firing into the corner.

Vale then went in front on the stroke of half time with a fine team goal. Jama and Rees combined down the left hand side with the ball finding striker Grace Horrell who turned the defender exquisitely and shot into the corner for a 2-1 lead.

Vale continued to push on early in the second half and went 3-1 ahead following an excellent through ball down the left by Holly Jenkins which found Horrell, who went through on goal and calmly slotted the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.

At 3-1 the game seemed won but credit to Plics who fought back valiantly with two goals in three minutes to throw the game wide open.

To their credit, Vale composed themselves and grew stronger from the setback and dominated the final 10 minutes of the game.

Horrell grabbed her hat-trick, and the team's fourth goal, shooting home after captain Daisy Connolly's header came back off the bar.

Striker Erin Prynne was then rewarded for her work rate tapping home a fifth goal in the last minute to secure the league.

It has been a successful week for the club following success in the under-13 league also. Vale Dragons secured the runners-up place in the Premier Division and the Vale Caerau team won the Championship Division in their final match of the season.

In addition the under-16 girls will contest the League Cup final in the next week to round off the most successful season for the club to date.

U14 squad: Mae Atkins, Ruth Stanley, Daisy Connolly (c), Phoebe Williams, Holly Jenkins, Rebecca Gentles, Maisy Gibbs, Kate Spargo, Grace Corne, Anais Trinci, Olivia Townsend, Sophie Hawkins, Megan Sully, Aliyah Jama, Grace Horrell, Sian Rees, Erin Prynne.

LW

Beavers enjoy medal haul!

BARRY Beavers travelled to Carmarthen Leisure Centre on Saturday, April 23, to compete against six other Welsh clubs and came second overall.

The gold medalists were: Abigail Finch/Heidi Boswell/Gareth Lloyd.

Silver medalists were: Andrew Sage/Katie Rosser/Louis Davies/Heather Williams/Ffion Jones.

Bronze medalists were: Keira Richards/Callum Savory/Jack Kemp/Sophie Woodham/Tyler Savory/Sarah Davies and junior relay -

Tyler/Ffion/Jack/Abby.

Other swimmers who all got into the final and improved their times were: Faye Sage/Adam Lawrence/Suzanne Haslam/Philip Daly/Sophie Harris/Kyle Siirak/Mark Eveleigh/Nick Cushman.

We all had a great day - thank you to our two helpers that who also competed in the helper's race, Becky-Mae Lawrence and Chris Economidis.

Our next gala is May 14 at Ebbw Vale Sports Centre and hopefully another full bus made up with supporters!

NC

ALL SQUARE FOR COWBRIDGE CC FIRST TEAM

STEPPING up to the First Division of the South Wales Cricket Association was always going to be a significant challenge for Cowbridge - and so it proved last Saturday.

In the opening fixture the first XI had to settle for a draw at Tata Steel CC after the hosts posted 274-4 and Cowbridge replied with 208-8.

Taking the field under new skipper Chris Willey the first XI were under pressure as Tata worked the ball around and without taking undue risks, amassed a very healthy total.

The pick of the Cowbridge bowlers were Sam Russell (2-45) and Jake George who brought

control to bear on proceedings.

It's not often that such a big score is chased successfully in mid summer let alone a bright but cold day at the end of April.

Although at 42-1 things were proceeding satisfactorily, the fall of Ben Wright (28) made the target seem a long way off.

Cowbridge's subsequent batsmen, Mike Lloyd (63), Jack Harris (47) and Chris Willey (38) all batted well and the target became increasingly academic. It was a nervy end that saw three wickets fall for the last 10 runs but Cowbridge eventually got to safety.

It is early days yet but the visit of Dafen to the Athletic Ground on Saturday already assumes some importance in the club's challenge for the promotion spot.

The second XI, under Jon Smart, enjoyed an eight wicket win over Porthcawl.

The visitors batted first and were dismissed for 114. Cowbridge's opening bowlers John Gilbert and Heath Webb both took three wickets. Will Harris and Lewis Sevenoaks bowling also caught the eye before Ian Evans claimed two to wrap up the innings.

Debutant David Gascoyne (67 not out) and Jonty Webb (38) put Cowbridge well on the way to victory which was achieved in the 20th over.

It was an excellent victory that suggests that after a couple of difficult seasons the second XI might be a force in the months to come.

JRB

Tredegar Farmers' Point-to-Point takes place next Sunday

THE inaugural running of the Welsh Long Distance Men's Open Race, over three miles and five furlongs, will take place at the Tredegar Farmers' Point-to-Point Steeplechases over the popular Lower Machen Racecourse next Sunday.

There are 16 entries and these include the legendary *Rosies Peacock*, who chalked up another win at the Banwen Miners Hunt Steeplechases on May Day Bank Holiday Monday when beating the favourite *Cygnit* by a length in an exciting finish.

BoyFromNowhere, a former inmate of Rebecca Curtis' yard, who was a first fence faller in that race is also entered. Others include *C Me In Oz*, a two lengths winner of the restricted race at the Glamorgan, *Fence Me In*, *Sheriff Hutton* and *Thomas Junior*.

Racing gets under

way at 2pm with the Subara Restricted race and of the 21 entries, *Shanks A Lot*, *Sandee Bay* and *Glenteeneasaigh*, who was an eight lengths' winner under Welsh champion John Mathias of the open maiden race at the Tivyside and Carmarthen meeting catch the eye.

This eight-year-old grey gelding made all the running on that occasion and can do so again this time.

There are just eight entries for the confined race run over a distance of two-and-a-half miles and these include *Captain Camelot*, a six lengths winner of the restricted at the South Pembrokehire and *Nicholasville*, who lost his maiden tag when winning at the West Wales area meeting in January and who won a restricted under 16-year-old Lorcan Williams at the Ystrad Taf Fechan when beating *Princess Tina* by six lengths and *Mr Sawyer*.

The 17 entries for the ladies' open race include recent winners

Patrickom Boru and *Highly Unlikely*.

Others of note include *Harpsy Cord*, *Lauberhorn* who, like *Watch The Birdie*, has proved disappointing this season, *Bay Central* and *Get It On*.

There are 10 horses down to face the starter in the open maiden over two-and-a-half miles for four, five and six-year-olds, and Roger Wilcox will be hoping that his *Another Stella*, who finished a distance behind *Live For To Day* at the Glamorgan, will have made some improvement since then.

Steel Native, *Basher Brian* and *Tinctoria* are three others that are entered.

Of the 28 down to run in the open maiden race, Sarah Price's nine-year-old chestnut gelding *An Cor*, who has found one too good for him in his last three or four starts, should be given one more chance.

Earth Tremor, *Family Crisis*, *The Mobile Man* and *Cool Valley* are also down to run in this race.

Contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

Faletau earns writers' award

RUGBY'S 'Mr Consistency', Dragons' Taulupe Faletau, has been voted player of the year by Welsh rugby scribes, with another ever-present in the Wales national squad, Jamie Roberts (Harlequins) the runner-up.

In a ballot, they selected Blues' Ellis Jenkins as most promising player in Wales, with Ospreys' Sam Davies runner-up.

Their choice for best player in Premiership was Ronnie Kynes of Ebbw Vale, with Rhodri Davies, of Llandoverly, the runner-up.

The prestigious awards will be presented at the 42nd annual dinner of the Welsh Rugby Writers' Association in Cardiff on September 1.

DON JOHN

Heavy defeat for Millwood bowling team

VISITING Dinas Powys had taken a 24 shot lead by leading 27-51. After the 15th end, things had become a real battle for Millwood to even try to make any impression on the scores, as Dinas Powys had taken a 37-75 lead, a massive 38 shot difference.

Playing the game to the 21st and final end, Millwood tried to make a difference but all to no avail. Dinas Powys piled even more pressure on Millwood to finally take the game by a 50 shot difference.

At the fifth end, Millwood found that they had a tough game ahead as they were trailing by 12 shots to 25. Unfortunately the game swung even further away from Millwood at the 10th end because

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Girls just love the Atomic Touch Festival



The girls try their hand at Atomic Touch.

THE Atomic Touch festival returned to Barry this year, as girls tried their hand at the sport.

On Wednesday, April 20, year-5 and 6 girls from seven local primary schools, gathered at Holm View Leisure Centre to try their hand at Atomic Touch, a fast-paced game that has similarities to touch rugby, netball and ultimate frisbee.

It was created as a way of encouraging more children to get involved with touch rugby. In total, 80 girls attended the festival. Sophie Wilkinson, active young people officer, said: "The Atomic Touch festival has been a fantastic event held over the past two years. "It provides local girls with the opportunity to try rugby in a fun environment without the pressure of tackling or passing backwards."

Any girls interested in playing Touch Rugby can contact the Phoenix Touch Club, who train every Friday, by emailing phoenixtouch@gmx.co.uk for more information.

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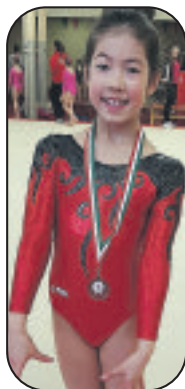
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A grading success for Barry YMCA gymnasts



TEN YMCA Barry gymnasts were delighted when they passed their British gradings recently.

To pass their grading, the gymnasts had to perform a series of skills during routines on vaults, bars, beam, floor and range and conditioning.

Four gymnasts successfully passed their first grading during the South Central Area Grades.

Hana Davies took part in the In Age event where she gained a distinction in grade 6. She also won medals for placing first on vault, second on range and floor, second on beam and a sixth place ribbon on bars.

She also claimed the overall silver medal, securing a coveted space representing the South Central area at the Welsh



Grade 6 Finals where she helped the team to second place and a respectable individual seventh place overall.

Daisy Hill, Lacey Williams and Ruby Price all took part in the Out of Age grade 6 event. They all gained highly commended.

There was also success for each of them on individual apparatus with Daisy claiming third on beam, fifth on floor, Lacey gaining fifth on vault, fourth on

range and fifth on beam and Ruby came sixth on beam, fifth on range, sixth on bars and an overall position of sixth place. The team of Daisy, Lacey and Ruby were also crowned the team champions.

In the Out of Age Grade 5 category Chloe Williams and Yazmin Michael both gained highly commended.

Chloe also was crowned the overall champion with fifth on bars, third beam and second on floor. Yazmin also achieved the individual third overall, third on bars, first on beam and fifth on range.

Ruby Karim worked hard to gain the skills required to pass her Grade 4 and her hard work was rewarded when she gained her

pass. Celyn Powell and Sophia Foscolo both learnt new skills to achieve highly commended in their grade 3 whilst Bria Karim's dedication paid dividends when she gained a highly commended in her grade 2.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and thank you to all of the coaches at YMCA Barry for their hard work and dedication to the gymnasts, and for giving up their time to judge and coach at the events.

To find out further information regarding the opportunities available at YMCA Barry for children, young people and adults please call 01446 724000.

WALES rugby league legend Billy Boston has at last received what he's wanted for most of his life – a Welsh cap.

The 81-year old was in attendance at the recent inaugural Wales rugby league Hall of Fame dinner, where he, along with fellow Cardiffian Gus Risman became the first two inductees.

Due to a lack of professional Welsh rugby players at the time of Boston's career, there were only three Wales games played during that period – two full internationals against France and one exhibition game against France B. Boston was injured for the first two but did play in the France B game.

Boston, who scored 571 tries in 564 appearances his career, the second highest all-time try scorer in the history of the game after Brian Bevan, was capped 31 times for Great Britain scoring 24 tries. He was the first non-white player to be selected to tour Australia and New Zealand.

Wales Rugby League's president Mike Nicholas paid tribute to Billy Boston on the night.

Nicholas said: "I had two big heroes when I grew up, one was John Charles and one was Billy Boston. They were people's players, they travelled on the bus to games and they were very much of the people and Billy was one of the reasons that I got into rugby league."

"I was privileged to be at Wembley when they unveiled the statue of Billy, Gus and the other players and I'm delighted to induct him into the Wales rugby league hall of fame."

Nicholas presented Boston with his Hall of Fame trophy while former Wales player and coach Iestyn Harris presented him with his Welsh cap.

Boston then presented Warrington and Wales star twins Rhys and Ben Evans with their 2013 Welsh caps that they hadn't yet received, and also to Morgan Knowles, who won his first cap last year in the European Championships.

Gus Risman, who died in 1994 aged 83, was represented by his son John, who played for



Mike Nicholas and Billy Boston (Picture by David Walker).

Wales in the 1970s.

Winner of 18 Welsh caps, he also won 17 Great Britain caps, captaining the 1946 'Indomitable' tourists of Australia, and guested for England in a promotional international in France.

In total Gus's playing career reads 828 appearances, 203 tries, 1,623 goals, 3,855 points.

John Risman said: "Thank you very much on behalf of my father. It's a wonderful acknowledgement to his career. He was a fervent Welshman and enjoyed every minute of his involvement with Wales Rugby League. He would have been truly honoured and delighted with this."

Gus Risman's award was presented to John by Wales Rugby League chairman Brian Juliff who played alongside John for Wales.

Juliff said: "Just to see Billy Boston with us tonight is such a pleasure. It was fantastic to honour him and Gus Risman as our first two hall of fame inductees."

"I'm good friends with his son John and I had great pleasure with presenting John with his father's award. Also, to have the current Wales side here as the European Champions, made it an amazing night."

Most of the 2015 Wales squad were in attendance and they were presented with their winners medals from their successful 2015 European Championship campaign where they beat Ireland, Scotland and France to win the trophy.

Wales coach John Kear said: "They didn't have a formal medal presentation last year after the European Championship, and we felt that after all the effort

room with Billy Boston and you remember Gus Risman and what these great players have done, you feel very humble. It's a privilege to be a part of Wales Rugby League and this was a special night."

Wales captain Craig Kopczak was awarded the trophy for the Welsh international Player of the Year for 2015.

Kopczak said: "Winning the European Championship was a fantastic achievement this was for Wales. I feel privileged to captain Wales and represent my country. It's a real honour to win something like this."

"We're getting stronger and stronger and I'm sure there's bigger things to come for Wales with the World Cup just around the corner."

Wales take on Serbia on Saturday, October 15, at Parc Stebonheath, Llanelli in the first game of their 2017 Rugby League World Cup qualifying campaign.

Tickets will be available soon from http://www.walesrugbyleague.co.uk/wales/match_tickets.

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for April 26:

1st Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 66.32%; 2nd Noelle Bond & Mike Close 62.85%; 3rd Debbie & Simon Richards 54.51%. Helen Jordan and Judith Owen won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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Dinas Powys FC maintain good run of form with win

ANY thoughts visitors Pontardawe Town had of an easy win against Dinas Powys FC were soon dispelled as Dinas played to the manager's game plan which began to show dividends.

The visitors won an early corner which was dealt with by the Dinas defence, and at the other end Adam Johns' pace drove him through the Pontardawe defence, winning a corner for his efforts.

Myles Case then played Johns through again but the visitors' keeper Steve Reeve just got to the ball first.

Dinas were then dealt

a blow when, after a clash of heads, centre back Nathan Donnelly had to leave the field and, after a visit to hospital, was diagnosed with a fractured skull and a broken bone behind the ear. All at the club wish Nathan a speedy recovery.

James Marr dropped into defence and James Perret was introduced at left back with Luke Garland pushing up into left midfield.

The visitors' direct style of play gave them a few chances; Dinas keeper James Curtin was on his usual great form, making a great save from Josh Dorward.

Good link up play between Keiran James, Myles Case and Nicky

Bruce allowed the latter to get a shot away which was just wide.

Dinas seemed to be settling but they had a bit of luck when a header by Mark Jones came back off the crossbar.

Curtin had to make another sharp save from Dan Williams when he ran through through the Dinas defence.

Just before the break Dinas were forced to make another change when right back Sam Adamson sustained a foot injury, Luke Swaffield his replacement.

At the interval there were no goals with chances at both ends.

Just five minutes into the second half Dinas

got their noses in front when a through ball from Perret reached Johns and he slotted it home.

The visitors upped their game and won a succession of corners but Dinas stood firm. They then made then made a couple of changes with Arwel Rees and Kurtis Rees taking the field.

Dorward was then awarded a free kick on the edge of the box which Arwel Rees took, bringing another great save from Curtin.

Dinas relieved the pressure and a through ball from Keiran James played teenager Luke Garland in, he side-stepped a tackle to slot the ball home to give Dinas a 2-0 lead with around 23 minutes still to play.

The visitors began to lose their composure and Arwel Rees was shown a straight red card for kicking out.

Dinas were in no mood to concede at this stage and they introduced Scott Muir

for Case with 15 minutes remaining. Garland made another strong run into the Pontardawe box, winning a corner.

The visitors had one last rally to try and get something from the game but centre-back pairing James Bloxham and James Marr were awesome all game and Dinas ran the game down by taking the ball into the corner for a well deserved win, with three wins from their last three games.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Sam Adamson, 3 Luke Garland (1), 4 James Bloxham, 5 Nathan Donnelly (c), 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Reuben Bryl, 8 James Marr, 9 Adam Johns (1), 10 Myles Case, 11 Kieran James, 12 Scott Muir, 14 James Perret, 15 Paul Caulfield, 16 Luke Swaffield.

On Saturday, May 7, Llanwrn visit the Murch with a 2.30pm kick off.

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Latest results for Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies

THE ladies section have been lucky to play all their fixtures this month - the results are as follows:

On April 5, an 18 hole Jubilee 3s Stableford was held: 1st Ann Mahenthiralingam, Sue Bridle, Pat Gosling 78 pts, 2nd Sian Smith, Maxine Hird, Audrey Harwood 76pts.

On April 5, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Sally Livsey Davies 18 pts, 2nd Angela Brown 17 pts, 3rd Pam Warne 13 pts.

On April 12, an 18 hole Australian Spoons Stableford: 1st Vicki Ellison & Pat Gosling 39 pts, 2nd Sian Smith & Max Hird 35 pts, 3rd Angela Brown & Carol Reeves.

On April 12, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Kit Roblin 16 pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 14pts, 3rd Pam Warne 10 pts.

On 19th April, an 18

hole challenge Bowls Medal Division 1: 1st Sue Bridle 88 - 17 = 71 nett, 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam 87 - 13 = 74 nett, 3rd Lisa Ryley 93 - 15 = 78 nett.

On April 19, an 18 hole challenge Bowls Medal Division 2: 1st Pat Gosling 99 - 32 = 67 nett, 2nd Angela Brown 95 - 22 = 73 nett, 3rd Annie Blackburn 98 - 21 = 77 nett.

Overall winner of Challenge Bowls: 1st Pat Gosling, 2nd Sue Bridle, 3rd Angela Brown.

On April 19, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Carol Reeves 16 pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 16pts, 3rd Kit Roblin 15pts.

On April 26, an 18 hole Stableford: 1st Carol Reeves 35pts on back nine from 2nd Angela Brown 35pts, 3rd Vicki Ellison 33 pts.

On April 26, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Terry Unwin, 2nd Angela Thomas, 3rd June Jones.

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MILLWOOD BOWLS NEWS

THIS friendly game between Millwood Bowling Club and Sploitt Phoenix was played with a bit of sunshine, a lot of hailstone and a wee touch of rain.

Although there should have been a game of 18 ends, it was decided to call a halt after an allotted 15 ends had been played. Sploitt Phoenix came away winners by 13 shots, 57-44.

At the end of the fourth end, Sploitt had taken an eight shot lead at 8-16, and at the eighth end, Millwood found that Sploitt were even further ahead, leading 19-32.

When the 12th end had been played, Millwood had reduced the Sploitt lead to only eight shots, 36-44.

On the final end, Sploitt had managed to take an even further lead and ran out winners by a margin of 13 shots.

Credit must go to the hearty souls for the forthcoming international managed to keep playing through the bad conditions. Well played all who

participated. Welcoming Barry Central to Millwood for the SVL League game, Millwood ran out winners by a 26 shot margin, the final score 70-54.

After the fifth end had been played, Millwood held the very slenderest lead with a single shot advantage, 13-12.

On completion of the 10th end, Millwood had taken a six shot lead, 33-27.

With a final spurt towards the finish line Millwood applied some pressure on Barry Central and gained a valuable 17 shot advantage to take the game by 70 shots to 53.

This result must have been a great boost for the Millwood players, but all credit to Barry Central for playing the game in the best of sportsmanship, despite battling with a loss of two players, hence the reduction in the Central final scores.

Please will members forward names for the forthcoming international championships to be held at Millwood - notices about this in changing room.

Barry and District men's skittles league

DIVISION 1:

49'ers (J.McNery 31) 290, Sea View B.Belby 33) 299; Barry Park 'B' (G.Goldsby 32) 268, Cavaliers (S.Hatcher 28) 266; Bunker Boys (C.Cureton 29) 280, The Merryman (E.Jones, J.Gee 28) 286; Cavaliers (M.Ryan 30) 310, Blue Monkey (J.Stokes 30) 268; Colcot Boys (K.Thomas, B.Sullivan 31) 294, The Hairly Lemons (J.Hoare 29) 272; Ex-Servicemen (T.Cacicia 31) 277, Geest (F.Phillips 27) 271, Barry Park 'B' (R.Bishop 28) 271.

Winners - The Merryman, runners-up 49'ers.

Division 2:

Buff's Exiles (D.Wickham, B.Griffiths 27) 263, Exiles (D.Norris 27) 243; Cannon Balls (T.Price 32) 294, Buff's Exiles (S.Page 27) 282; Exiles (J.Miles, A.Collins 27) 271, 'H'Bells (B.White, J.Slee 28) 265; Park Rangers (V.Hopkins, C.Cameron 28) 286, Tynewydd Lads (K.Germon 27) 256; Posties (J.Memidge 30) 290, Park Lads (D.Jones, D. Lambert 25) 254; Witchill Poachers (D.Adams,

R.Power 34) 346, The Royalists (M.Lewis 36) 330. Winners - Cannon Balls, runners-up Posties.

Division 3:

Alternatives (M.Anthony 29) 287, Mariner Vikings (F.Hall 30) 274; Billy Whizz (J.Snook, M.Ingraham 26) 261, Glenbrook Rangers (S.Green 29) 258; Billy Whizz (D.Feltham 30) 295, British Rail (T.Williams 31) 273; Castle Boys (J.Champ 27) 286, Glenbrook Rangers (L.Jones (31) 245; Castle Boys (J.Champ 29) 283, C.U.D. (R.Tipple 28) 271. Winners - Billy Whizz, runners-up Castle Boys.

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Rugby club are ready for busy end to season

WITH no game last weekend, Barry RFC finish their season with three games in 10 days, beginning with a local derby at home this Saturday against Dinas Powys at 2.30pm.

This Wednesday evening (May 11) they travel to play Clwb Rygbi in Cardiff, followed by the last game at home to Dowlais on May 14.

The club presentation evening is being held on June 11, and those who received trophies last year are asked as a matter of urgency to return them to the club as soon as possible.

The winning numbers in the Lottery last week were 6, 10, 17 and 20 and there were no winners - this week's jackpot will be £1,900.

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We welcome your sports reports, news and other items of interest - email us at gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

End of season is in sight for chess club

THE end of the East Glamorgan Chess League season is in sight.

This week saw the round 18 matches in divisions 3 and 4. This would normally complete the league season but there are still a handful of rearranged matches to be played, including the final match for both the Quarks and the Gambits.

Our two round 18 matches were both played at home on the same night.

For the Gambits the target was to remain off the bottom of the division 4 table. Our opponents were the North Cardiff Panthers, who finished just outside the promotion spots.

Their team included a father and two sons while playing for Barry were a father and son.

We only managed to earn a single point with draws from Merlin and Huw Davies. This however proved to be enough to keep the wooden spoon in the hands of St John's College as they failed to trouble the scorecard.

The Gambits' final game is away to the undefeated champions, Bridgend Central Mallards, so anything we can earn from that game is a bonus.

For the Quarks in division 3 we already knew who would be promoted and who would finish last but the remaining six teams could finish in the relegation spots.

A strong Quarks team quickly earned a victory with wins from Peter Watkins, John Stephenson and Ashley Davis.

The other two matches were somewhat longer. Chris Green made it 4-0 when his opponents' flag fell without making the time control.

Matthew Parry held a slight advantage in the end game until Kimberley Chong sacrificed her

bishop for a pawn.

Matthew then took control to give the Barry Quarks a resounding win.

Elsewhere the North Cardiff Ravens surprisingly could only muster three players for their fight to avoid relegation.

They lost 3-2 to the Caerphilly Knights and the Ravens became the second team to be relegated from division 3.

The Penarth Piers must be looking warily over their shoulders as a defeat to the North Cardiff Ravens leaves them with 42.5 points, having completed all their games.

We are only a point behind with one match to play against another relegation haunted team in Caerphilly Rooks.

If the Quarks can earn 1.5 points it will be enough to retain our divisional status.

The final team to be relegated will either be the Knights, Rooks, Piers or Quarks, with the final three matches scheduled to be played in the week commencing May 9.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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